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The Adventures of Tintin

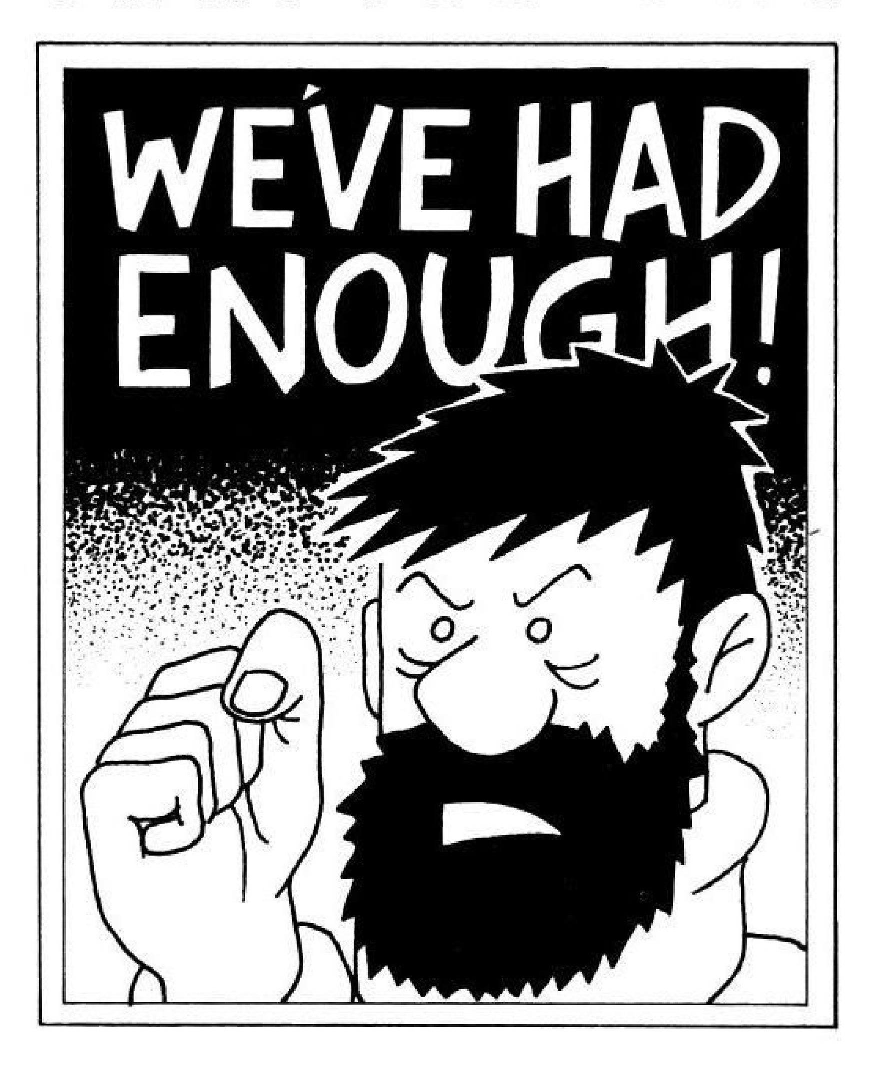


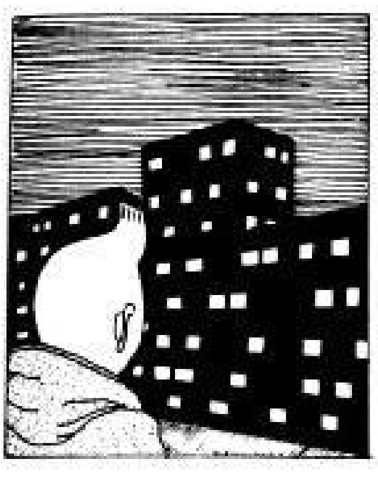
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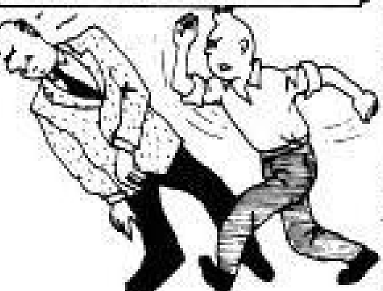

TINTIN, ME OLD MATE! HOW'S IT GOING?
NOT SO BAD, UNCLE, NOT SO BAD...


MARY, LOOK WHO'S HERE... IT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NEPHEW!
HIYA TINTIN! YOU OK? WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR AGES...


WELL THINGS AIN'T THAT HOT TO TELL THE TRUTH ... YOU SEE, THEY CUT ME DOLE LAST WEEK!....

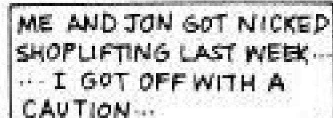


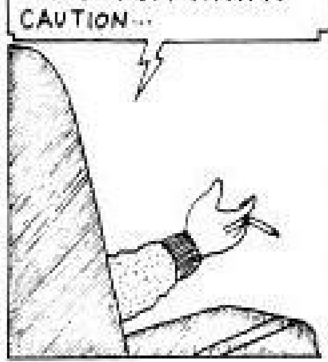

...THEY SAY IT'S MY FAULT I GOT KICKED OFF THAT J.T.S. SCHEME THING...
YOUR FAULT!?


FROM WHAT I HEARD, I RECKON YOUR BOSS GOT OFF LIGHTLY WITH JUST A FEW CHIPPED TEETH!

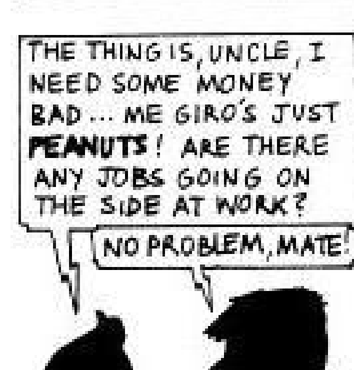

I WENT BERSERK DOWN AT SOCIAL WHEN THEY TOLD ME....


YEH, BUT DON'T BLAME THE POOR SODS WHO WORK ON THE COUNTER...
WELL THAT'S ONLY HALF OF IT...


ME AND JON GOT NICKED SHOPLIFTING LAST WEEK... ...I GOT OFF WITH A CAUTION...



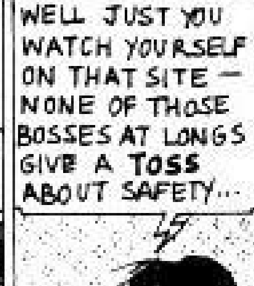

BUT IT WAS JON'S FOURTH TIME... **HE GOT 3 MONTHS!**
GOD, I'M SORRY MATE...


THE THING IS, UNCLE, I NEED SOME MONEY BAD... ME GIRO'S JUST **PEANUTS**! ARE THERE ANY JOBS GOING ON THE SIDE AT WORK?
NO PROBLEM, MATE!


I'LL HAVE A WORD WITH THE BOSS TOMORROW... IT'LL BE ODD JOBS — MIXING CEMENT AND CARRYING BRICKS...


HERE'S YOUR TEA...
TA LOVE
ANYWAY, I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE WORK, TINTIN...

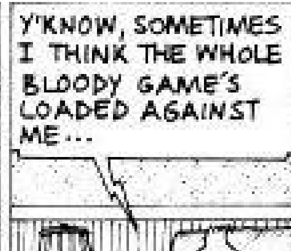

I DON'T **WANT** TO WORK, MARY, BUT I HAVE TO... CHRIST, I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY WHO WORKS FOR THE FUN OF IT....
THAT'S TRUE!


WELL JUST YOU WATCH YOURSELF ON THAT SITE — NONE OF THOSE BOSSES AT LONGS GIVE A **TOSS** ABOUT SAFETY...


DON'T YOU WORRY MARY... IF I SURVIVED A FEW MONTHS OF J.T.S. I CAN SURVIVE **ANYTHING**!




YEH, IT'LL WORK OUT FINE, YOU'LL SEE...
I HOPE SO, CAPTAIN, I REALLY HOPE SO!


Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES I THINK THE WHOLE BLOODY GAME'S LOADED AGAINST ME...




... PUSHED AROUND AT SCHOOL...



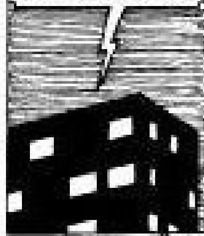

...PUSHED AROUND AT WORK...
--AND WHAT TIME DO YOU CALL THIS?!


...PUSHED AROUND ON THE DOLE...
WELL, ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS--


...JUST KICKED AROUND LIKE A LUMP OF DOGSHIT! ...I TELL YOU, I'M WELL FED UP OF IT!!


YOU OUGHT TO GET HIM AND JIM TOGETHER, LOVE! THEY'D MAKE A RIGHT PAIR!
WHO'S JIM?

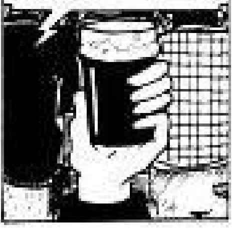

OH, JIM'S A BLOKE I USED TO WORK WITH - A RIGHT BLOODY MILITANT!


TELL YOU WHAT -I'M MEETING HIM IN THE SWAN NEXT TUESDAY... COME ALONG!


And so, next Tuesday...


YOU MEAN THE UNION SACKED YOU FOR CALLING A STRIKE ?!
WELL, NOT EXACTLY 'SACKED'....

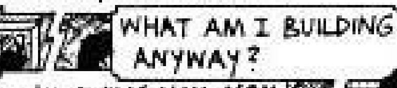

THEY SHUNTED ME OFF TO A COLLEGE FOR TRAINEE UNION OFFICIALS – IT WAS USELESS! FULL OF POT-BELLIED BUREAUCRATS!

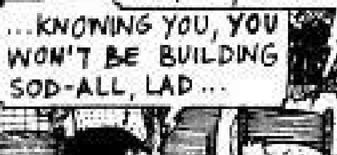

SO I LEFT... BUT MEANWHILE THE UNION HAD MADE DAMN SURE I'D NEVER WORK IN THE TRADE AGAIN!


STITCHED UP IN THE NAME OF "GOOD INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS"!
YEH, MOST OF THESE UNION BLOKES ARE JUST COPS IN FLAT CAPS!


THEY DON'T KNOW THEIR ARSE FROM THEIR ELBOW WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO ACTUALLY WORKING...
HARK WHO'S TALKING, YOU IDLE BUGGER!


I MEAN, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU DID A DAY'S WORK, EH?

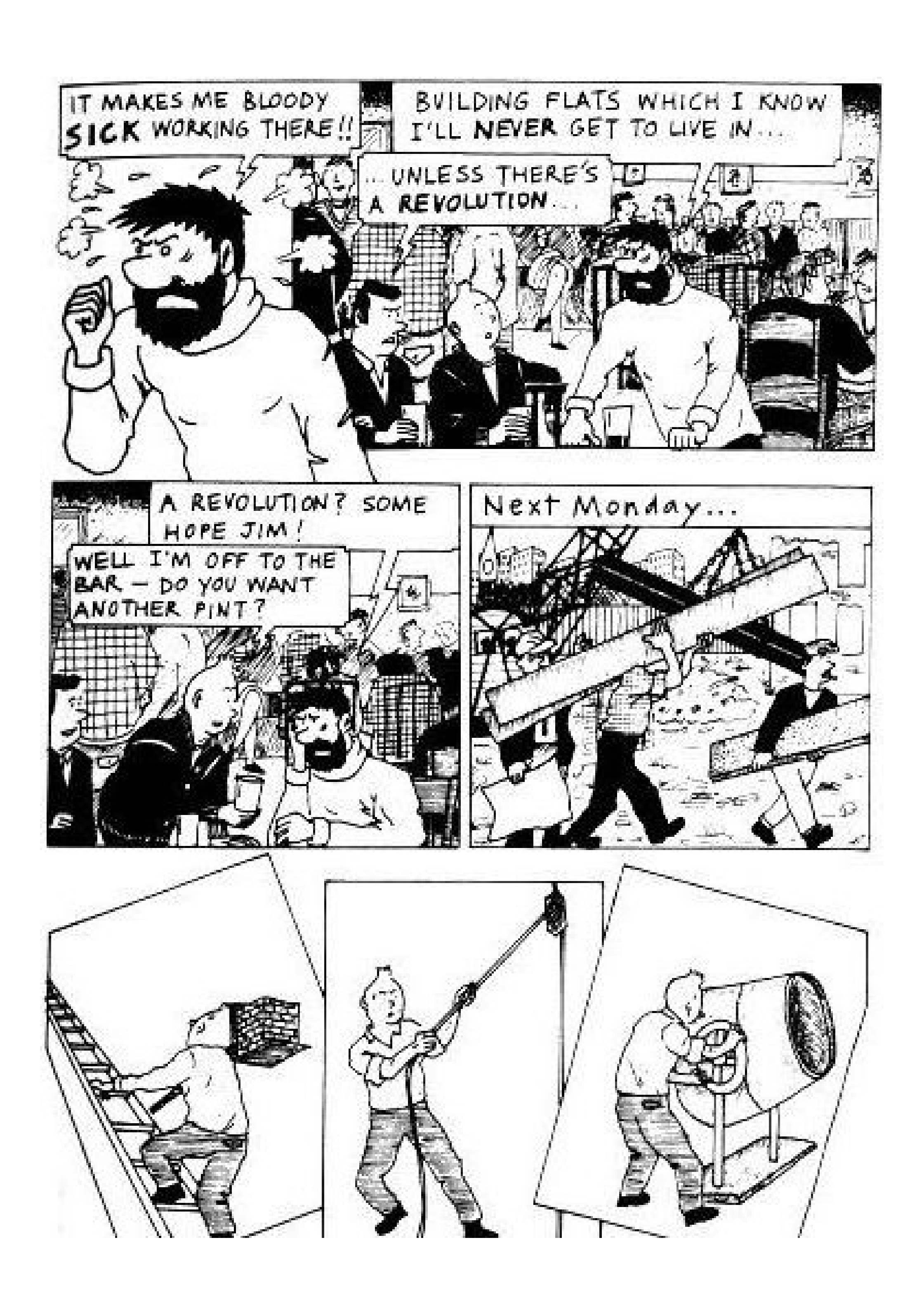

I TELL YOU, YOU'RE GONNA GET A BLOODY SHOCK ON MONDAY MORNING!...
WHAT AM I BUILDING ANYWAY?


...KNOWING YOU, YOU WON'T BE BUILDING SOD-ALL, LAD...




IT'S LUXURY FLATS – THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE BUILDING!
...IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY WORK ABOUT THESE DAYS...


AYE, THAT AND BUILDING PRISONS AND COP-SHOPS!

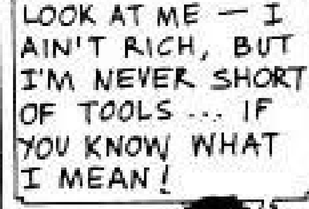

IT MAKES ME BLOODY SICK WORKING THERE!!
BUILDING FLATS WHICH I KNOW I'LL NEVER GET TO LIVE IN...
...UNLESS THERE'S A REVOLUTION...
A REVOLUTION? SOME HOPE JIM!
WELL I'M OFF TO THE BAR – DO YOU WANT ANOTHER PINT?
Next Monday...


...GOD, I'M WELL KNACKERED!


...AYE AND YOU'LL BE MORE THAN JUST KNACKERED IF THEY CATCH YOU SKIVING!


SHIFT OVER, MATE – NO-ONE'S LOOKING...
BUT WHAT AM I SLOGGING MY GUTS OUT FOR, CAPTAIN?... A RIGHT BLOODY PITTANCE!


YEH, IT'S NOT MUCH, IS IT.. BUT IT JUST MEANS WE HAVE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE PERKS!


LOOK AT ME — I AIN'T RICH, BUT I'M NEVER SHORT OF TOOLS ... IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!




...AND IF YOU GET REALLY BORED, YOU CAN ALWAYS "MODIFY" THE PLANS...


ME AND A FEW OF THE OTHER LADS WERE SUB-CONTRACTED TO HELP PUT UP A NEW PIG STATION A FEW YEARS BACK...
...WE MUST HAVE BEEN VERY ABSENT MINDED...

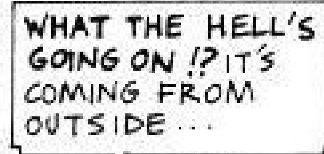

...COS THREE MONTHS LATER THE WHOLE FRIGGING ROOF CAVED IN!
SHAME!


LOOK SHARP! THE BOSS IS ABOUT!

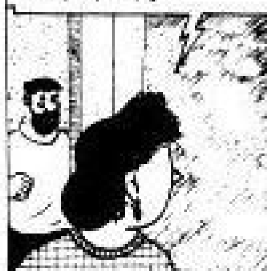

IS IT STILL OK TO EAT AT YOURS TONIGHT?
YEH, MARY SAID COME ROUND AT SIX... OK?


And so...
CHEERS, MARY! THAT WAS DEAD NICE...

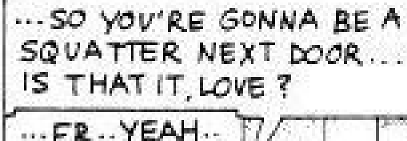

BANG! BANG!
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WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON !? IT'S COMING FROM OUTSIDE...

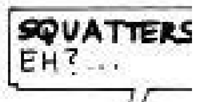



THERE'S SOMEONE BREAKING IN NEXT DOOR... OI! WHAT'S YOUR GAME!?


LOOK, IT'S ALRIGHT... WE'RE NOT OUT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE...
IT'S JUST THAT I'M HOMELESS AND SO I...


...SO YOU'RE GONNA BE A SQUATTER NEXT DOOR... IS THAT IT, LOVE?
...ER..YEAH..




SQUATTERS EH?...









...WHEN PEOPLE ARE CRYING OUT FOR SOMEWHERE TO LIVE... I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE!







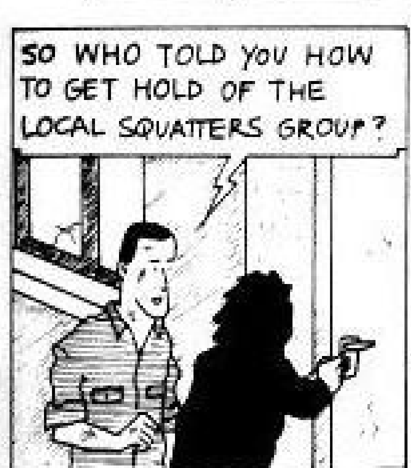


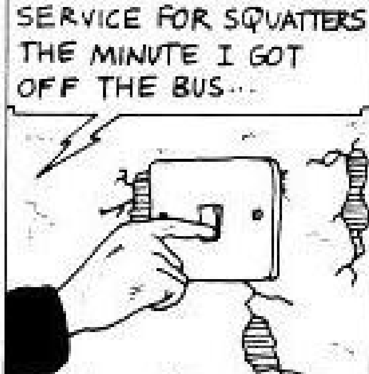


















YOU SEE, IT ALL EXPLODED LAST WEEK...


WHAT?! THE KETTLE EXPLODED?!


NO – DON'T BE DAFT! I'M TALKING ABOUT WHY I HAD TO LEAVE HOME ....


YOU SEE, MY PARENTS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT I'M... THAT I'M A LESBIAN...


GOD, IT WAS AWFUL! I WAS LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE IN THAT TOWN...


HASSLED AT WORK BY ALL THOSE OFFICE CREEPS...


...AND THEN I'D GET HOME AND GET HASSLED BY MY PARENTS TO FIND A NICE BOYFRIEND!


IT WAS A REAL RELIEF TO RING GAY SWITCHBOARD AND HEAR SOMEONE SAY I WASN'T MAD OR "UNNATURAL"!


AND SO IT ALL CAME OUT LAST WEEK
CAN'T YOU SEE? I DON'T LIKE MEN... I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP WITH MEN...
NICOLA! WHAT... WHY ..WHAT ABOUT AIDS?
WHERE DID WE GO WRONG...?


MY MUM JUST COULDN'T SEE IT... I MEAN, AS A LESBIAN, I'VE GOT ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE OF CATCHING AIDS AS THE POPE!


YEH, YOU'RE RIGHT – IT'S PROBABLY THE SAFEST SORT OF SEX...
AND DEFINITELY THE NICEST!


... AND IF ANYTHING'S "UNNATURAL", IT'S GOT TO BE THE PERSECUTION I GET FROM STRAIGHTS...


A few weeks later..


THIS PLACE IS A BLOODY TIP... LOOK AT IT!

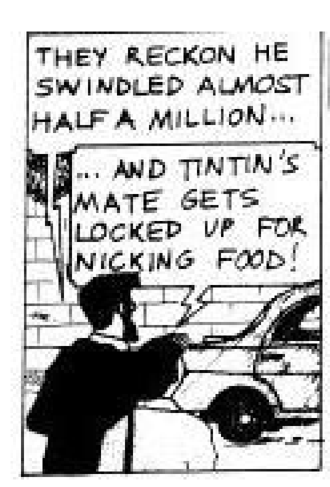

THE COUNCIL HAVEN'T CLEANED UP ROUND HERE FOR AGES...


WHAT THE HELL DO WE PAY OUR RATES FOR?


WHAT WAS IT LAST YEAR... £600? FOR SWEET FANNY ADAMS!
NO, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT'S FOR... FOR THEIR LUNCHES...


... AND ALL THE BACKHANDERS!


THAT COUNCILLOR RYAN GOT OFF SCOT FREE, DIDN'T HE?











...IT'S JUST LIKE ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT "DECENTRALISATION" – Y'KNOW, LOCAL HOUSING OFFICES ON THE ESTATE, ALL NICE AND FRIENDLY...






IT'S STUPID –WHAT DO WE PAY OUR RENT FOR?!
MAYBE NICKY HAS GOT THE RIGHT IDEA THEN, EH LOVE ... HA HA HA ...
OH NO, I COULDN'T COPE WITH ALL THAT INSECURITY ...


I WANT SOMEWHERE STABLE ... A REAL HOME ...
WHAT?! LIKE THAT DAMP FLAT OF OURS?!


OH, DON'T ACT STUPID, CAPTAIN ... YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN ... AND THAT FLAT COULD BE NICE ...
YEH, YOU'RE RIGHT MARY ... IT WAS MUCH BETTER WHEN WE FIRST MOVED THERE ...




HELLO MARY! ... CAPTAIN!
HELLO, MRS DAVIS! HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

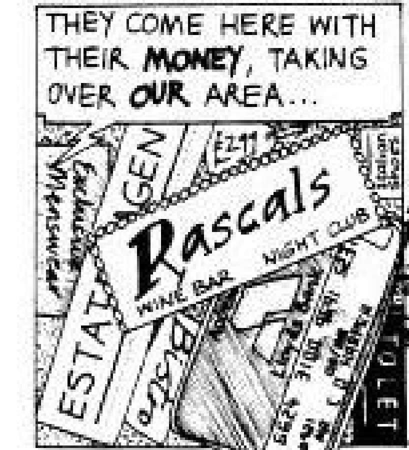

MY ARTHRITIS AIN'T TOO BAD, BUT ME EYES ARE PLAYING ME UP SOMETHING WICKED TODAY ....


I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THAT ... CAN WE GET YOU ANY SHOPPING? WE'RE JUST OFF TO THE SUPERMARKET ...
NO THANKS, I'VE JUST BEEN DOWN THERE, LOVE ... MIND YOU, I HAD A SPOT OF BOTHER ...


THIS POSH TYPE, HE JUST PUSHED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME... YOU KNOW THE SORT, **ALL CREDIT CARDS** AND **NO MANNERS**...


SO I SENT HIM OFF WITH A FLEA IN HIS EAR...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?


I JUST TOLD HIM TO **SOD OFF**... THEY MAKE ME SO CROSS!


THEY COME HERE WITH THEIR **MONEY**, TAKING OVER **OUR** AREA...
Rascals
WINE BAR
NIGHT CLUB
ESTAT
AGEN
TO LET


..BUILDING THEIR POSH OFFICES AND ALL THEIR LUXURY FLATS...
FOR SALE
LUXURY STUDIO APARTMENTS


...AND ROARING AROUND IN THEIR FLASH CARS AT ALL HOURS!


...YEH, I WISH THEY'D **ALL** SOD OFF AND LEAVE US ALONE...


SOME HOPE! — THEY'RE HERE TO STAY.... FACE FACTS, IT'S **US** WHO ARE GONNA GET THE BOOT...


THAT'S WHY THE COUNCIL IS RUNNING DOWN OUR ESTATE...


...BECAUSE THEY'RE PLANNING TO SELL IT OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!
SOLD! TO THE BANK IN THE CORNER!
LOT 4 HOUSIN ESTAT
WELL I KNOW I HAVEN'T GOT MANY MORE DAYS LEFT IN ME...
DON'T TALK SOFT, MRS DAVIS!
...BUT WHY SHOULD WE TAKE ALL THIS LYING DOWN?... WHY CAN'T IT BE US WHO GETS RID OF THEM?
I MEAN, IT'S OUR AREA... WE SHOULD JUST KICK THEM OUT!
YOU'RE DEAD RIGHT, BUT HOW? ALL THESE SNOBBY GITS WHO'VE JUST MOVED IN ARE ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG...
..THERE'S THE BIG PROPERTY DEVELOPERS, THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT...
AT LEAST WE CAN TRY... MR ROGERS FROM NUMBER 9 SAID THAT THE TENANTS ASSOCIATION MIGHT JOIN THAT NEW COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP...
OH GOD, LOOK AT THE TIME...IF YOU'RE STILL GOING TO THE MATCH, WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON, CAPTAIN...
DON'T WORRY, LOVE, YOU'LL BE IN AND OUT OF THE SHOPS IN NO TIME...



OH, WE'LL MUDDLE THROUGH SOMEHOW... ...WE ALWAYS DO! POP ROUND FOR A CUPPA LATER, MARY, IF YOU LIKE...





READ THE TRUTH! KICK OUT THE MUGGERS... ENGLAND FOR THE ENGLISH...

WANNA BUY A COPY OF THE PAPER, MATE?

SHOVE OFF, I DON'T WANNA READ THAT...

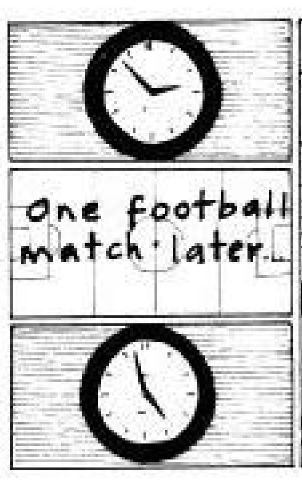
HAVE YOU EVER READ IT?!


LISTEN, PAL! THE REAL ENEMY ARE THE BOSSES! IT AIN'T WHAT COLOUR YOU ARE — IT'S HOW RICH YOU ARE!
YEH, I AGREE...
...WE STAND AGAINST THE BOSSES TOO...
THEN WHY DO YOU DIVIDE THE WORKERS INTO BLACK AND WHITE?
THE BOSSES HAVE USED THE BLACKS AGAINST BRITISH WORKERS... IT'S OUR COUNTRY... FOR WHITE WORKERS ... FOR US! .... BLACKS AIN'T BRITISH!
OH BOLLOCKS! THIS AIN'T "MY" COUNTRY — IT'S THE RICH'S COUNTRY! ... AND WHAT RACE ARE YOU ANYWAY? .....FRENCH? DANISH?... VIKING?!!
LOOK AT THIS! IT'S JUST DIVIDE AND RULE ... WORKING FOR THE BOSSES
YOU LOT MAKE ME SICK!
YOU LOOKING FOR TROUBLE?!
YOU LOOKING FOR A HOSPITAL BED?!
SORRY, MATE... NO OFFENCE MEANT...
COS YOU'RE GONNA GET ONE, YOU FUCKIN' BASTARD!
NOW PISS OFF OUT OF HERE!


THEY REALLY WIND ME UP, THAT LOT...
YOUR GRANDAD GOT HURT LOADS OF TIMES TRYING TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS IN THE 1930s....


YEAH, KEVIN HERE GOT DONE OVER BY THEM A FEW MONTHS BACK...
... THEY CARVED A SWASTIKA ON HIS STOMACH...


BASTARDS!


One football match later...


BLOODY GOOD MATCH!
YEH, IT'S ABOUT TIME WE WON!


LOOK, I'M GONNA CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING... I'LL DROP BY LATER ON ME WAY HOME.... OK?
OK, SEEYA!


ALRIGHT THEN TINTIN, WHAT WE DOING?
WELL THE BOOZERS AIN'T OPEN YET...


...BUT I RECKON WE SHOULD CHECK OUT THAT NEW WINE BAR DOWN THE ROAD...
LEAVE IT OUT! ME IN THERE?! YOU MUST BE JOKING! IT'S FOR POSH BASTARDS, INNIT?


NAH, C'MON ON KEV... IT'LL BE A GOOD CRACK! ... YOU NEVER KNOW, THERE COULD BE SOME DECENT DIPPING TO BE DONE!


WELL MOVE IT THEN! ...WE'RE WASTING DRINKING TIME!
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I'LL GET 'EM IN... ...THREE PINTS OF LIGHT AND BITTER, MATE...

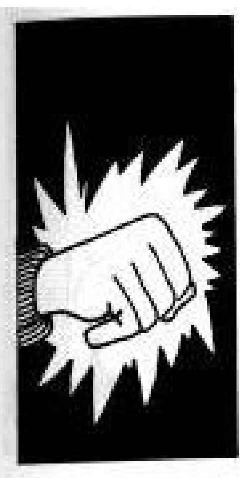

I'M SORRY, SIR ...WE DON'T SELL BEER...


ALRIGHT, MAKE IT THREE PINTS OF LAGER THEN...


NO LAGER...


WHAT DO YOU SELL, THEN? EH? PONCY, OVERPRICED WINE? WELL I'LL HAVE SOME OF THAT....


I'M AFRAID WE'RE SELLING NOTHING TO YOU, SIR ..... WOULD YOU MIND LEAVING?...
YOU WHAT?! WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY MONEY?! AT LEAST I COME FROM ROUND HERE, NOT LIKE...
YOU REFUSING TO LEAVE?
GET YOUR FUCKIN' PAWS OFF ME!..... SOD OFF BACK TO HAMPSTEAD --YOU LOT AIN'T WELCOME HERE
ON THE CONTRARY, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S NOT WELCOME! ..... CHARLES! CALL THE POLICE!
YOU BASTARD... I'M GONNA HAVE YOU!
CHARLES!
DID YOU CALL ME, ADRIAN?
C'MON THEN!





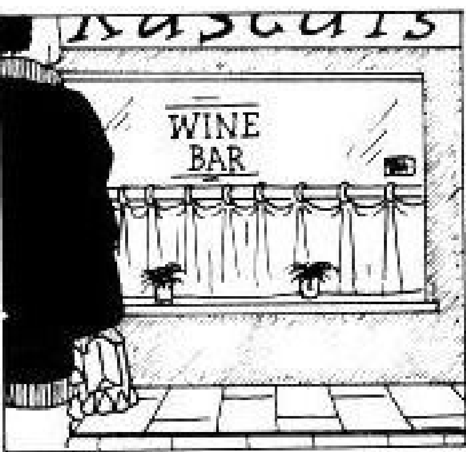

DRINK UP, MATE!!

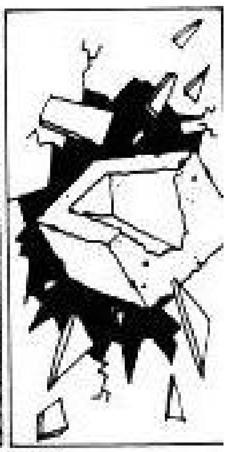



C'MON - LET'S SPLIT! THE COPS'LL BE HERE SOON!

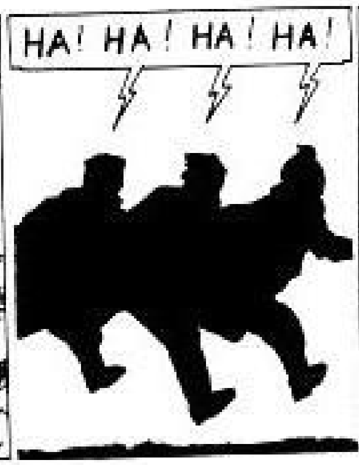

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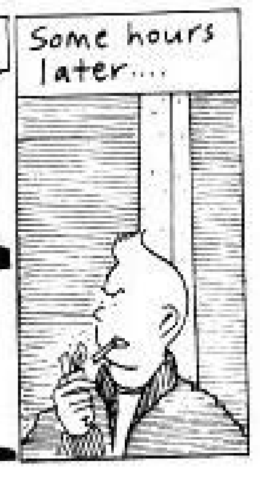

HANG ON... WAIT A MINUTE....


WINE BAR





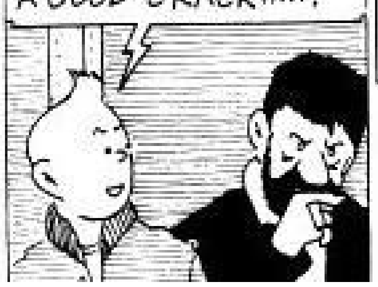




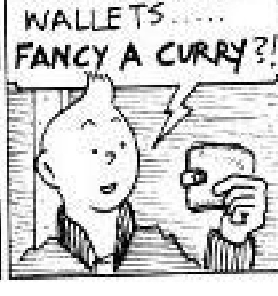








YOU WANNA BE CAREFUL, TINTIN! .... ALTHOUGH GOD KNOWS THAT LOT DESERVE ALL THEY GET....




A few days later
YEH, IT WAS OK....
...I MEAN I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE WORDS THEY USED THERE...
BUT ALL THE SAME, IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT THERE IS A WOMEN'S CENTRE....


...Y'KNOW, SOMEWHERE WHERE YOU CAN JUST MEET OTHER WOMEN...
SOUNDS GOOD...
YOU NEVER KNOW, I MAY COME DOWN THERE WITH YOU ONE OF THESE DAYS!
YEH, GO ON, MARY!...
MY CLEANING JOB'S ONLY PART-TIME AND I GET FED UP BEING STUCK IN HERE THE REST OF THE DAY...

I USED TO WORK IN A CAFE - BUT IT WAS REALLY HORRIBLE!
YEH, I'VE DONE IT TOO...
....CRAP PAY, A BRUISED BUM AND LOUSY TIPS!
I USED TO SPEND ALL DAY WAITING ON, WASHING UP AND WORKING IN THE KITCHEN





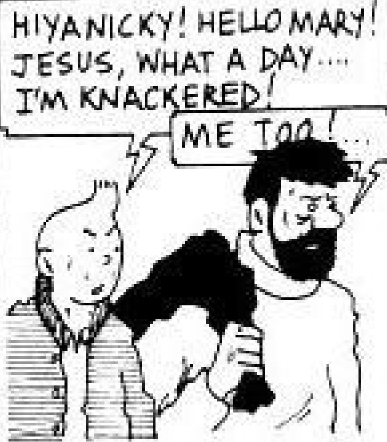


I TELL YOU, DURING THE MINERS STRIKE, HE WAS ALWAYS MOUTHING OFF ABOUT THE WOMEN IN THE PIT COMMUNITIES, **BLAH BLAH, BLAH**.....

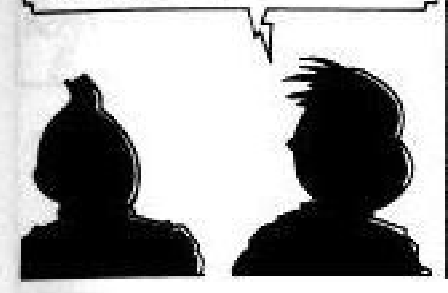






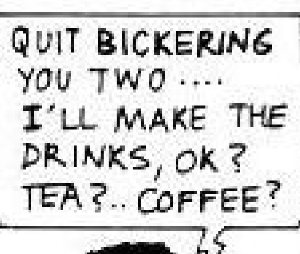





...WHAT DID YOUR LAST SLAVE DIE OF, EH?... YOU KNOW WHERE THE KETTLE IS....


I'LL HAVE A BLACK COFFEE, AND NICKY HAS MILK AND TWO SUGARS...


AW, BUT I'VE JUST COME BACK FROM WORK....
EH?!


WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK I DO ALL DAY? ....THROW PARTIES...?! I'VE BEEN CLEANING UP YOUR MESS... AND YOU DON'T EVEN LIVE HERE!
QUIT BICKERING YOU TWO.... I'LL MAKE THE DRINKS, OK? TEA?.. COFFEE?

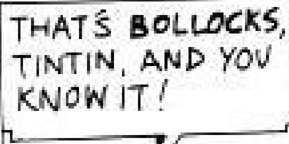


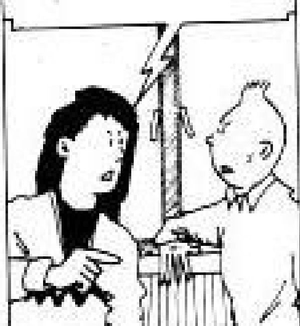

I BET YOU PUT HER UP TO THIS. NICKY....
NOW HANG ON...


I CAN THINK FOR MYSELF TINTIN! I DON'T NEED ANYBODY TO PUT ME UP TO ANYTHING.


...I MEAN IT'S ALL THIS WOMEN'S LIBERATION STUFF... ...IT'S CRAP!!

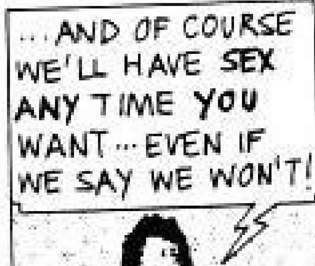

Y'KNOW... LESBIAN FEMINISTS IN WOOLLY HATS... ...MIDDLE-CLASS WANKERS!!


THAT'S BOLLOCKS, TINTIN, AND YOU KNOW IT!

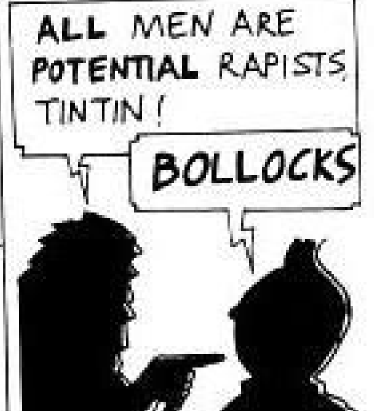


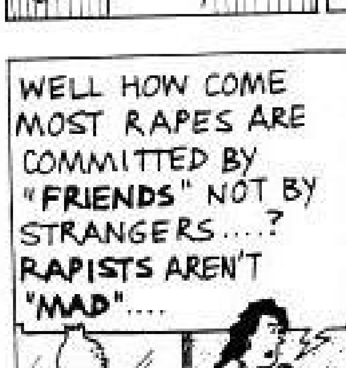

LOOK, TINTIN, ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT IT'S ALWAYS US WOMEN WHO CLEAN UP BEHIND YOU, DARN YOUR SOCKS FOR YOU....

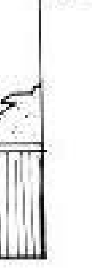

I BET YOU THINK WE WERE PUT ON THIS PLANET JUST TO PLEASE YOU... COOK FOR YOU, WASH UP FOR YOU....

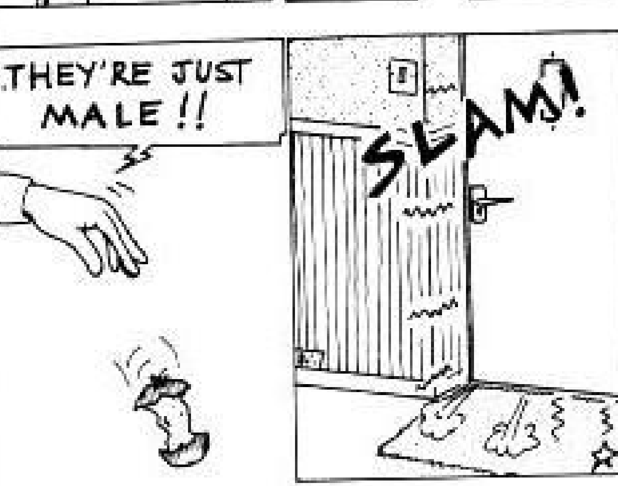

...AND OF COURSE WE'LL HAVE SEX ANY TIME YOU WANT... EVEN IF WE SAY WE WON'T!

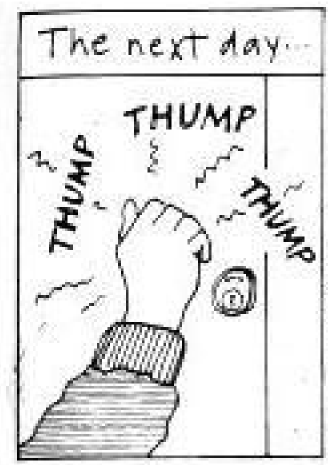

YOU'RE WELL OUT OF ORDER, NICKY! ... OK, I'M A BIT LAZY BUT I AIN'T NO BLOODY RAPIST!


ALL MEN ARE POTENTIAL RAPISTS TINTIN!
BOLLOCKS


WELL HOW COME MOST RAPES ARE COMMITTED BY "FRIENDS" NOT BY STRANGERS....? RAPISTS AREN'T "MAD"....




..THEY'RE JUST MALE!!
SLAM!


The next day...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


UMM... ABOUT LAST NIGHT... ER.. MARY SENT ME ROUND TO APOLOGISE... I WAS WAY OUT OF LINE...
YEAH YOU WERE

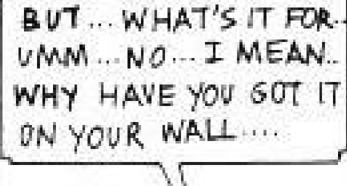

... I SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD A GO AT YOU... I'M SORRY.. I MEAN IT....


THAT'S OK.. FORGET IT – I'M USED TO IT NOWADAYS... WELL DON'T JUST STAND THERE... COME IN!


DO YOU LIVE HERE ALONE THEN...?
NO, THERE'S JAN AS WELL, BUT SHE'S OUT TONIGHT..


LESBIAN STRENGTH
!

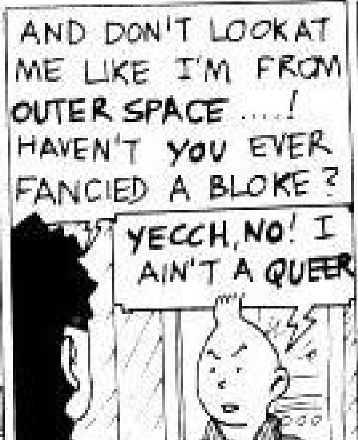

DO YOU LIKE IT?
UMM... ER... IT'S... OK... ER.


BUT... WHAT'S IT FOR.. UMM... NO... I MEAN.. WHY HAVE YOU GOT IT ON YOUR WALL....




I MEAN.. YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE... Y'KNOW, LIKE ONE OF THEM...
ONE OF "THEM"? WE'RE CALLED LESBIANS!

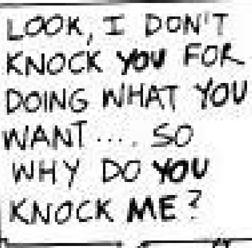

AND DON'T EXPECT ME TO APOLOGISE FOR IT! I'M FED UP OF ALL THAT HASSLE!

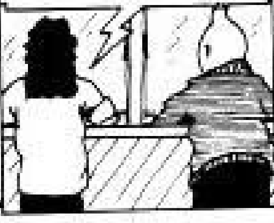

AND DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M FROM OUTER SPACE ....! HAVEN'T YOU EVER FANCIED A BLOKE?
YECCH, NO! I AIN'T A QUEER

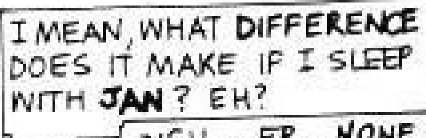

I'M NOT A 'QUEER'!.. I'M A LESBIAN!!


ANYWAY WHAT DOES 'QUEER' MEAN? — YOU AIN'T EXACTLY NORMAL!
YOU WHAT?!


WELL YOU DON'T DO EVERYTHING YOU'RE TOLD TO DO, DO YOU? — YOU NICK FROM SHOPS, YOU FIDDLE THE DOLE, YOU BUNK OFF WORK...


LOOK, I DON'T KNOCK YOU FOR DOING WHAT YOU WANT .... SO WHY DO YOU KNOCK ME?




I MEAN, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF I SLEEP WITH JAN? EH?

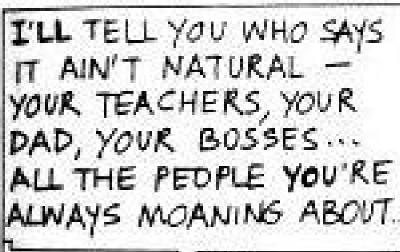

WELL...ER...NONE, I SUPPOSE...

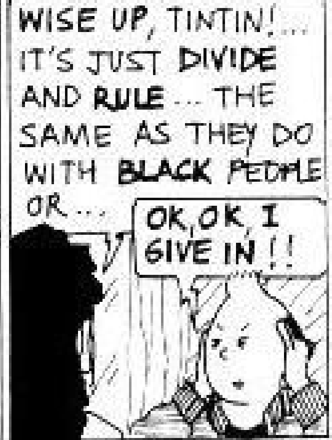

LOOK, TINTIN, I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU ..... I LIKE YOU — YOU'RE OK! IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD BE FRIENDS....


BUT YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE ME FOR WHAT I AM, OK?....


OK, BUT THAT STILL DON'T MAKE IT ... UMM.. Y'KNOW, ... NATURAL ...

"NATURAL"?! ... WHAT AND SHOPLIFTING IS?! HA! HA! HA! GIVE US A BREAK TINTIN! ... "NATURAL" HA! HA!

BUT IT AIN'T NATURAL!
SAYS WHO?!

I'LL TELL YOU WHO SAYS IT AIN'T NATURAL — YOUR TEACHERS, YOUR DAD, YOUR BOSSES ... ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'RE ALWAYS MOANING ABOUT ...


WISE UP, TINTIN! ... IT'S JUST DIVIDE AND RULE ... THE SAME AS THEY DO WITH BLACK PEOPLE OR ...
OK, OK, I GIVE IN!!
SO LET ME GET THIS RIGHT ... YOU AND JAN ... UMM ... ARE ... SORT OF .. GOING OUT ... AND YOU DON'T EVER GO WITH BLOKES ....
RIGHT!

IS THAT GONNA BE A PROBLEM BETWEEN US, THEN?
NO ... NO, OF COURSE NOT!

.... ANYWAY.... I ONLY GO FOR BLONDES!!!

OH TINTIN!!


The next week...
THIS IS A
LONGS
BUILDING SITE
Building the Future
SAFETY HELMETS
MUST BE WORN
JOE!! THE
SCAFFOLDING!!
LOOK OUT!!
OH MY GOD!


QUICK – SOMEBODY GET AN AMBULANCE....
OH MY GOD, IT'S JOE!
OH NO, I DON'T BELIEVE IT..
... HE'S DEAD!!
DEAD?!... WHAT... WHAT DO WE DO NOW...?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... NOT JOE...
HE'S GOT A WIFE AND KIDS...
IT COULD HAVE BEEN ANY ONE OF US...
I SHOUTED BUT HE COULDN'T HEAR ME...
LOOK, WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM HERE – GIVE US A HAND TO GET HIM INTO THE CABIN...
I NEED A FAG, MATE... I FEEL TERRIBLE..







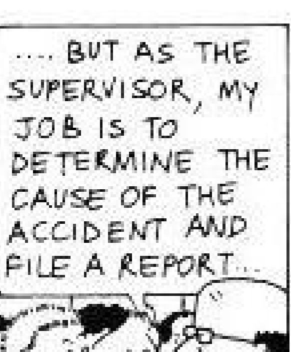




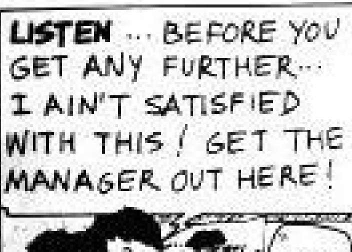
LOOK, ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS ESTABLISH WHAT HAPPENED... I CAN'T EVEN CONTACT HIS NEXT-OF-KIN, LET ALONE WRITE A REPORT, TILL WE KNOW THE FACTS... WHAT ABOUT WITNESSES?




I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE UPSET —WE **ALL** ARE....


.... BUT AS THE SUPERVISOR, MY JOB IS TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND FILE A REPORT...


WELL A BLOODY REPORT AIN'T GONNA BRING **JOE** BACK!
ER...NO...BUT IT MAY HELP TO....


LISTEN ... BEFORE YOU GET ANY FURTHER... I AIN'T SATISFIED WITH THIS! GET THE MANAGER OUT HERE!




YEAH, WE WANT TO SEE THE **BOSS**!
YEAH!


ERR... I'M... UMM ... WELL .... HE'S UNAVAILABLE ... UMM... AT THIS MOMENT ....UMM


IN THAT CASE YOU CAN TELL HIM THAT **I'M** BLOODY **UNAVAILABLE**... UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK AS FROM NOW!


YEH **WE'VE HAD ENOUGH!** THEY'RE ALWAYS **SCREWING** US AND NOW THEY'RE **KILLING** US!


WELL THEY AIN'T GETTING AWAY WITH THIS ONE... **LET'S STRIKE!**
YEAH!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, SIMMONS? THIS SITE IS COMPLETELY **CLOSED** AS FROM NOW

WHAT.. WHAT DO YOU WANT....?

MORE **WAGES**!!

LESS **HOURS**!

BETTER **SAFETY**!

WE WANT **YOU** SACKED AN'ALL! SAFETY'S MEANT TO BE **YOUR** JOB!

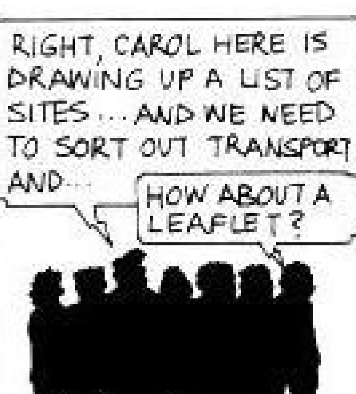
... AND WE WANT COMPENSATION FOR JOE'S FAMILY .... TEN GRAND SHOULD DO FOR STARTERS....

ONLY **TEN**? LET'S MAKE IT A **HUNDRED GRAND**— THOSE BASTARDS CAN AFFORD IT!

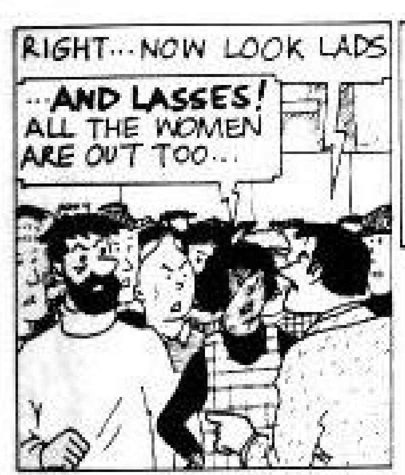
GO ON, SIMMONS, RUN OFF BACK TO YOUR BOSS AND TELL HIM WHAT WE'RE UP TO... AND **DON'T COME BACK**!!



















NO WAY! YOU CAN GET BACK ON THAT PHONE AND TELL HEAD OFFICE TO STUFF IT!


YEH, WE AIN'T GOING BACK TILL WE GET WHAT WE WANT!
YEAH!
AND YOU DISCUSS IT WITH ALL OF US....


WE AIN'T HAVING ANY DIRTY DEALS STITCHED UP BEHIND OUR BACKS!


WELL IN THAT CASE, I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY TO YOU!


OI, LISTEN MATE... THAT BLOKE DIED TODAY COS YOU'RE TOO BLOODY TIGHTFISTED TO SPEND MONEY ON OUR SAFETY!
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MAKES YOU? ..... A MURDERING BASTARD!!


BUT.. BUT.. I'M JUST THE SITE MANAGER.. ..I JUST.... ER... I JUST EXECUTE... MM.. ..COMPANY POLICY...


YOU BASTARD!!



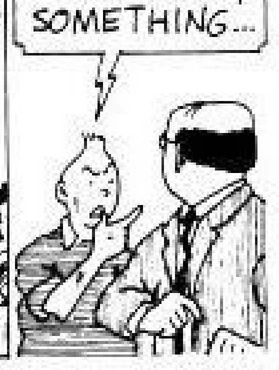

HA HA HA! I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT SLOB MOVE SO FAST!
NOW HANG ON, LADS....

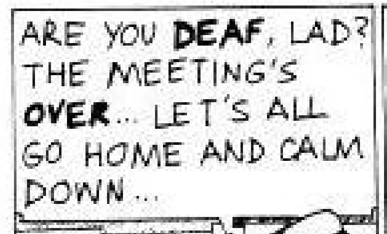

YOU ALL KNOW ME....
WHO THE HELL'S HE?!


I'VE ALWAYS DONE RIGHT BY YOU, AND THE UNION HERE HAS ALWAYS HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH MANAGEMENT


SO IF WE ACT IN AN ORDERLY AND DISCIPLINED FASHION, THIS DISPUTE WILL BE OVER BEFORE IT HAS REALLY STARTED...

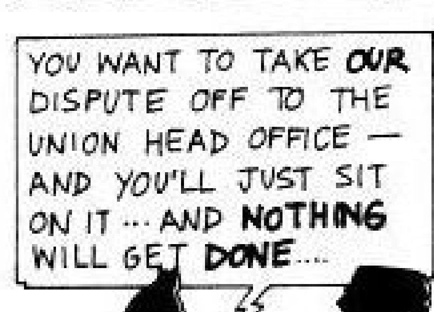

BUT WHAT ABOUT JOE?
WELL, HEAD OFFICE IS CURRENTLY WORKING OUT A NEGOTIATING POSITION .... OK?
SO WE'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT THEN.... THE UNION'S PROUD OF YOU, LADS — STAND FIRM AND WE'LL DEFINITELY WIN! OK?


HANG ON! I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING...


ARE YOU **DEAF**, LAD? THE MEETING'S **OVER**... LET'S ALL GO HOME AND CALM DOWN...

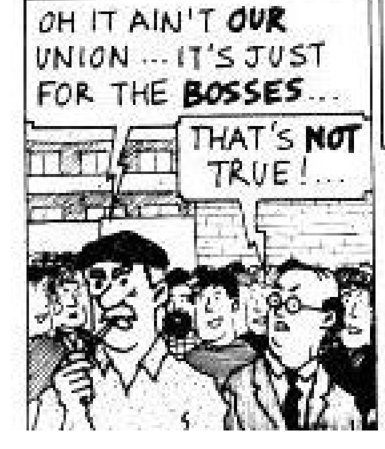

STUFF THAT!
LISTEN, SAFETY'S BEEN **CRAP** EVER SINCE I STARTED HERE...
YEAH!


...IT'S OBVIOUS YOU NEVER CARED ABOUT SAFETY BEFORE, SO WHY SHOULD YOU CARE NOW?


YOU WANT TO TAKE **OUR** DISPUTE OFF TO THE UNION HEAD OFFICE — AND YOU'LL JUST SIT ON IT ... AND **NOTHING** WILL GET **DONE**...


YEH ...JOE WAS **OUR** MATE ... I BET YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO HE WAS!

WE TRUSTED YOU WITH THE OVERTIME BAN THREE YEARS AGO AND YOU **SOLD US OUT** THEN!


OH IT AIN'T **OUR** UNION ... IT'S JUST FOR THE **BOSSES**...
THAT'S **NOT** TRUE!...


...YOU CAN RAISE ALL THIS AT THE NEXT BRANCH MEETING...


STUFF YOUR **MEETINGS**, JONES! WE WANT **ACTION**!


YOU'RE A BOSSES MAN, JONES... ALWAYS HAVE BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE!


GET A JOB!
SELL-OUT!
SOD OFF!

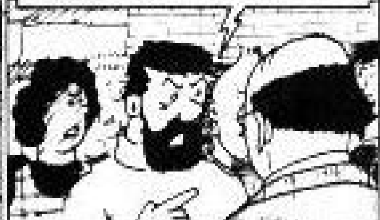

FORGET THE UNION.... RIGHT, WHO'S GONNA PICKET TODAY?
I WILL
ME TOO!


...AND SOME OF US NEED TO GET OVER TO THE OTHER SITES ... THERE'S TWO HERE, ONE HERE....


BUT...BUT THAT'S ILLEGAL ...IT'S SECONDARY PICKETING!
OH JUST FUCK OFF, JONES!


I'LL HAVE YOU EXPELLED...THE RULE BOOK CLEARLY STATES...

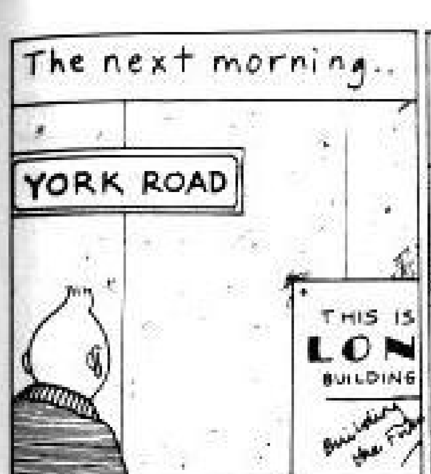

BURN THE BLOODY RULE BOOK!!


I'VE BEEN A UNION MEMBER FOR ELEVEN YEARS, AND I'VE DONE MORE FOR IT THAN YOU'LL EVER DO!


THIS IS OUR STRIKE AND WE'RE TAKING CONTROL OF IT!!

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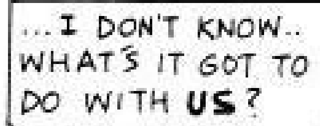




...WE WANT HIGHER WAGES, A CUT IN OUR HOURS, AND COMPENSATION FOR THE FAMILY...

WE CAN'T WIN ON OUR OWN, SO WE'RE ASKING YOU TO COME OUT AS WELL... LOOK AT THE SAFETY HERE... IT'S **CRAP**!



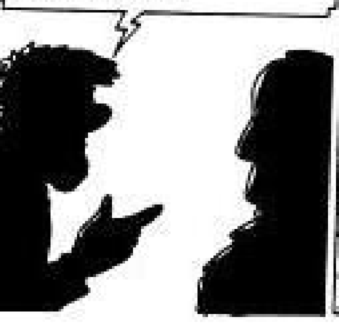

...I DON'T KNOW.. WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH US?




.... I'VE GOT A FAMILY TO KEEP...


BLOODY STRIKES I'M SICK OF 'EM!


LOOK, WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT... WE ALL WORK FOR LONGS..

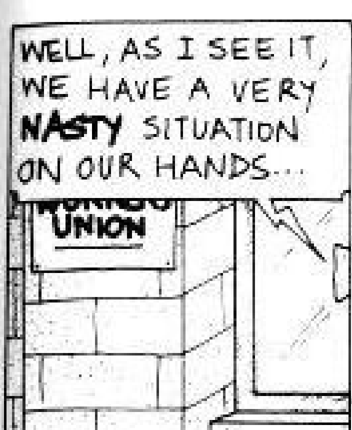

IT COULD BE YOU WHO GETS KILLED NEXT!....


..AND YOU WON'T BE MUCH USE TO YOUR FAMILY WHEN YOU'RE SIX FEET UNDER!
"HONEST" JOE

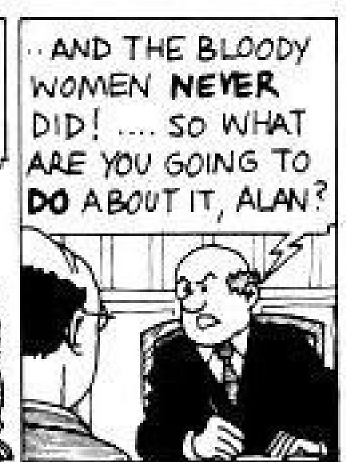

YEH YOU'RE RIGHT! THIS PLACE IS A DEATH-TRAP... I SAY WE STRIKE!


YEH, C'MON LADS.. IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE DID SOMETHING... I'VE GOT A FAMILY TOO, BUT FRANK'S RIGHT..


...LET'S STRIKE!

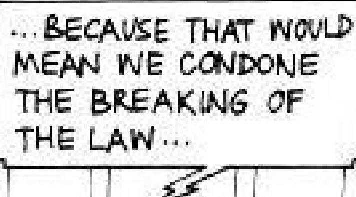










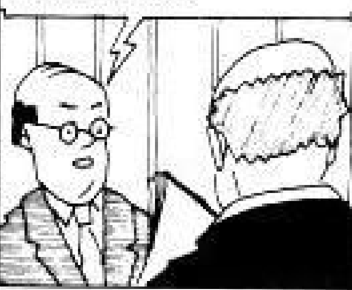


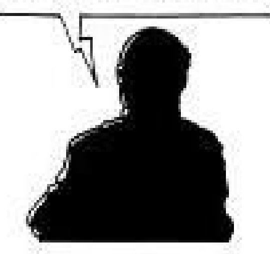


BUT IF WE **DON'T** COME UP WITH SOMETHING, WE RISK LOSING MEMBERS...




IT'S **VITAL** WE CLEAR IT UP NOW WHILE WE STILL HAVE CREDIBILITY...

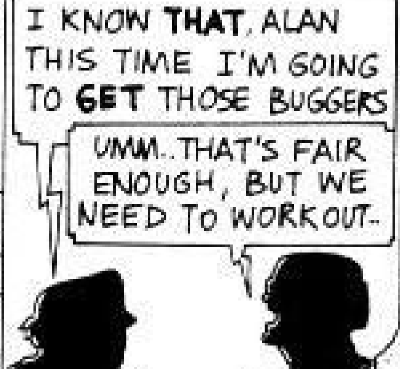

WELL I'LL SEE WHAT CONCESSIONS I CAN WIN FROM GEORGE TONIGHT....


I HOPE YOU SUCCEED, ALAN... FOR **ALL** OUR SAKES, I HOPE YOU SUCCEED...


That evening...
THAT'S LOVELY, THANKS..
...WHERE WAS I?... OH YES - I KNOW THAT THINGS ARE TIGHT IN THE TRADE RIGHT NOW, SO THIS STRIKE COULD COST YOU A LOT OF MONEY...


TOO DAMN RIGHT!!

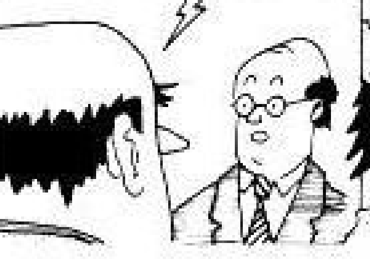

...BUT QUITE FRANKLY THIS ONE WON'T BE SETTLED BY ONE OF OUR NORMAL AGREEMENTS...


I KNOW **THAT**, ALAN THIS TIME I'M GOING TO **GET** THOSE BUGGERS
UMM..THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH, BUT WE NEED TO WORKOUT..

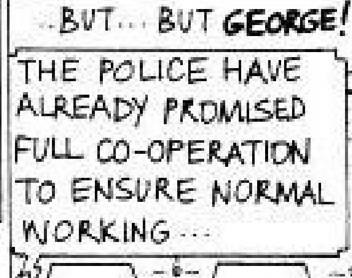

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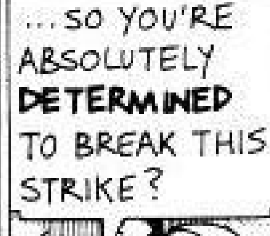

IT'S NOT THE 1970s ANY MORE, ALAN — I CALL THE TUNE THESE DAYS, AND I WANT THAT LOT SMASHED!

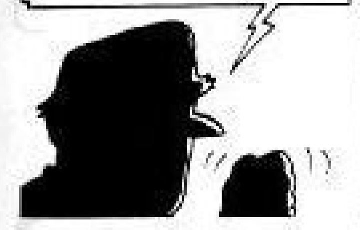


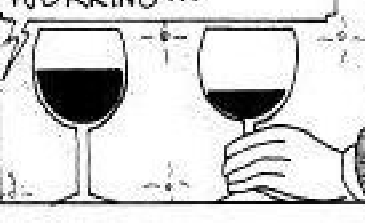

...I'VE GOT PEOPLE QUEUING UP FOR JOBS ALREADY... AND I'LL TELL YOU THIS....


...I WON'T BE PICKING ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR BLOODY UNION EITHER!


..BUT... BUT GEORGE!
THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY PROMISED FULL CO-OPERATION TO ENSURE NORMAL WORKING...

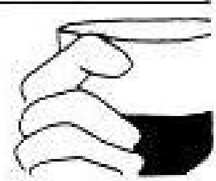

...SO YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO BREAK THIS STRIKE?


I'M SICK OF PAYING YOU BACKHANDERS ALAN, WHEN YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR MEN...

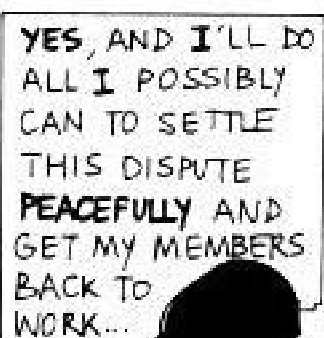





YES! AND GET WAGES DOWN ... THEY'VE HAD IT COMING TO THEM FOR YEARS!
WELL, YOU KNOW MY POSITION AS UNION REPRESENTATIVE — I CAN'T POSSIBLY AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSALS....


....BUT I AM PREPARED TO TRY TO FIND COMMON GROUND WITH YOU, GEORGE...





BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU.....



HMMM... YES, THAT COULD BE USEFUL .... FANCY A BRANDY, ALAN?

NOW YOU'RE TALKING, GEORGE!....








WELL, A BLOKE GOT KILLED LAST WEEK...


CAPTAIN SAYS THE SAFETY'S AWFUL – THE WORST SITE HE'S EVER WORKED ON...

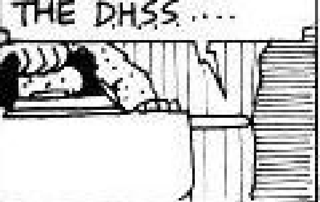

...AND THE PAY'S NEVER BEEN MUCH GOOD, SO THEY'RE DEMANDING A RISE AS WELL!


THAT'S **GREAT**...
I DUNNO... IF IT CARRIES ON, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE PRETTY **TIGHT**...


IT WAS HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE ENDS MEET **BEFORE**... AND SHARON'S GOING TO NEED A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM SOON...


....WELL IF THERE'S **ANY**THING **I** CAN DO....
THANKS LOVE




TELL YOU WHAT – **DES** IS COMING ROUND LATER – HE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN CLAIM FROM THE D.H.S.S....



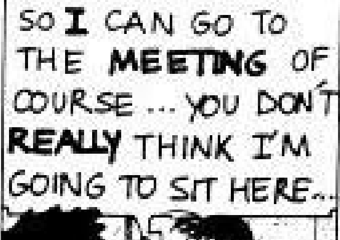

HELLO LOVE! YOU ALRIGHT? I'M BLOODY **EXHAUSTED**!


HOW DID IT GO TODAY?
THE VICTORIA ROAD SITE WALKED OUT...


TWO OTHER SITES WILL PROBABLY COME OUT AS FROM MONDAY


...AYE AND THERE'S A MASS MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT FOR ALL THE STRIKERS...


GREAT! I'LL SEE IF JULIE CAN BABYSIT...
EH? WHAT FOR?


SO I CAN GO TO THE MEETING OF COURSE... YOU DON'T REALLY THINK I'M GOING TO SIT HERE...




...AND LET YOU LOT RUN OFF TO MAKE ALL THE DECISIONS, DO YOU....?


...I MEAN, IF I'M GOING TO CARRY ON FEEDING YOU OUT OF MY WAGES...


...THEN I'VE GOT A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON !!


...WELL.. YOU SEE... IT'S NOT REALLY LIKE THAT, LOVE...

DON'T LISTEN TO **HIM** MARY – OF COURSE YOU CAN COME! WE NEED EVERYONE WE CAN GET!



LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, CAPTAIN – **I** DON'T WORK IN THE TRADE ANY MORE AND YOU DON'T MIND **ME** TAGGING ALONG...





HIYA DES – I CAME ROUND HERE TO GET THE LATEST ON THIS STRIKE... WHAT YOU DOING TOMORROW NIGHT?

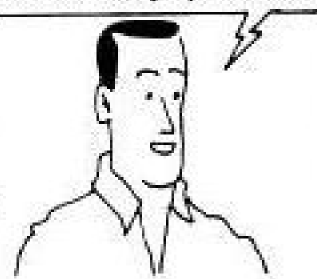




...TO DECIDE WHERE THE STRIKE GOES FROM HERE AND HOW TO BUILD UP SUPPORT...

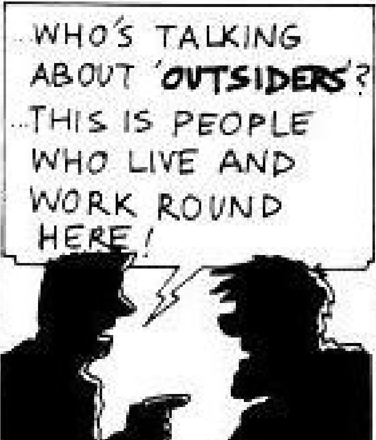


BRILLIANT! I'LL PUT THE WORD ROUND.... WHAT TIME AND WHERE?

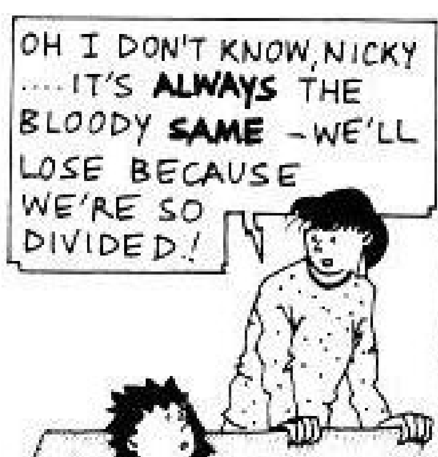


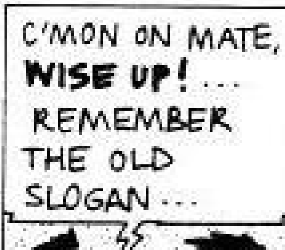
HANG ON A MINUTE!!


THE MEETING IS FOR **STRIKERS!** WE DON'T WANT HUNDREDS OF OUTSIDERS **TAKING IT OVER!**


..WHO'S TALKING ABOUT **'OUTSIDERS'**? ..THIS IS PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK ROUND HERE!

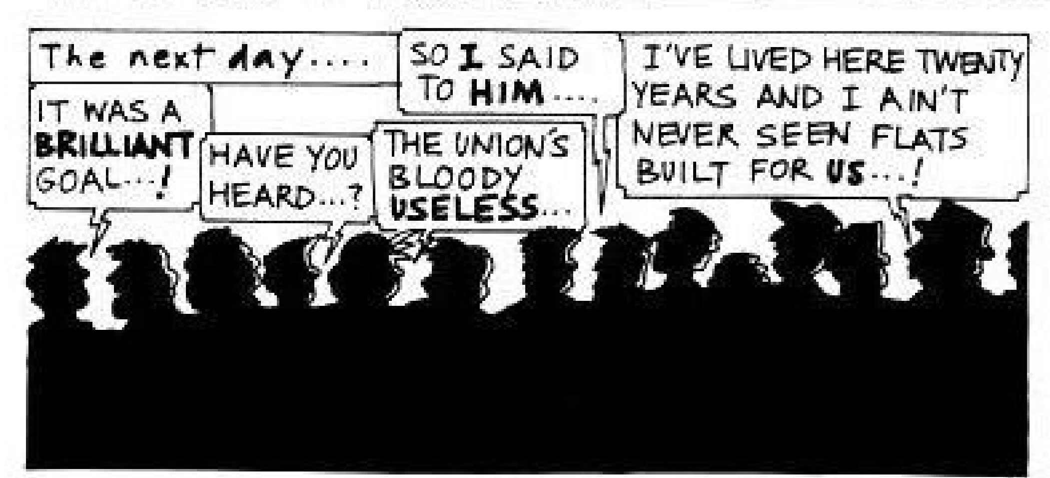

JIM'S RIGHT! YOU'VE GOT TO INVOLVE **EVERYBODY** IF YOU WANT TO WIN!

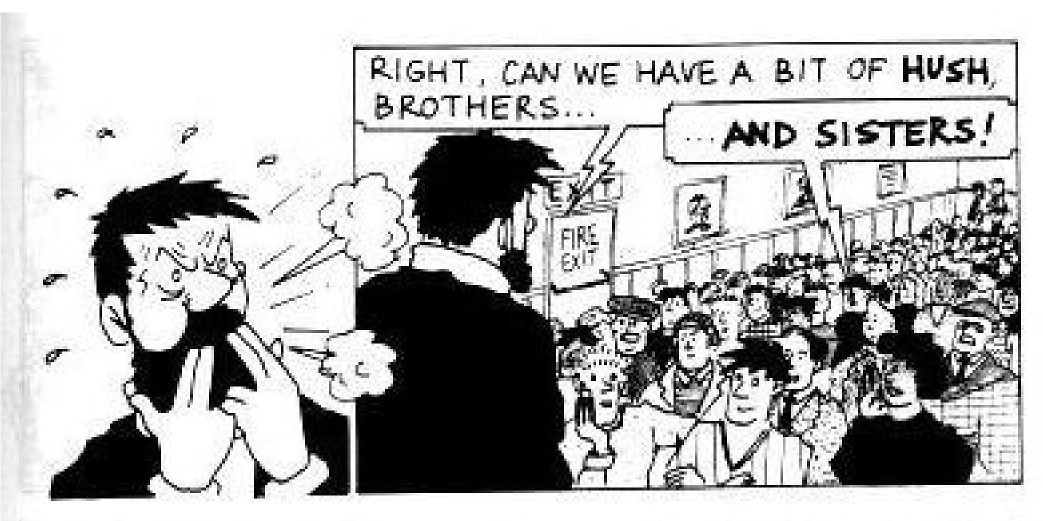

OH I DON'T KNOW, NICKY .....IT'S **ALWAYS** THE BLOODY **SAME** - WE'LL LOSE BECAUSE WE'RE SO DIVIDED!


C'MON ON MATE, **WISE UP!** ... REMEMBER THE OLD SLOGAN ...




..."**UNITED** WE STAND, **DIVIDED** WE FALL" **YEH** YEH, YEH! OK, **YOU** WIN!


The next day....
IT WAS A **BRILLIANT** GOAL..!
HAVE YOU HEARD...?
SO **I** SAID TO **HIM**....
THE UNION'S BLOODY **USELESS**...
I'VE LIVED HERE TWENTY YEARS AND I AIN'T NEVER SEEN FLATS BUILT FOR **US**...!


RIGHT, CAN WE HAVE A BIT OF **HUSH**, BROTHERS...
...**AND SISTERS!**
FIRE EXIT


THANK YOU CAROL.. ERR... RIGHT... THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED SO WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...


IT'S AN OPEN SECRET THAT THE UNION AIN'T INTERESTED IN THIS STRIKE...

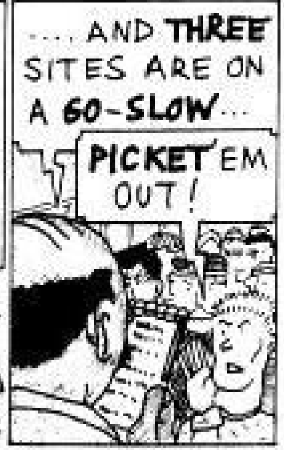

...SO IT'S UP TO **US** TO ORGANISE THE FIGHT!
YEAH!

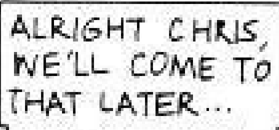

I'M GONNA ASK **FRANK** HERE TO GIVE US A RUN-DOWN ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE OTHER LONGS SITES..


CHEERS CAPTAIN! UMM.. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW ME...


WE **ALL** KNOW **YOU**, YOU TROUBLEMAKER!


I'M **FRANK STEVENS**, SHOP STEWARD AT THE YORK ROAD SITE...
THE SITUATION IS THIS — **SIX** SITES ON TOTAL ALL-OUT STRIKE... AND **TWO MORE** COMING OUT NEXT WEEK!


.... AND **THREE** SITES ARE ON A **GO-SLOW**...
PICKET 'EM OUT!


ALRIGHT CHRIS, WE'LL COME TO THAT LATER...




..THERE STILL HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY **NO** RESPONSE FROM LONGS MANAGEMENT TO OUR DEMANDS, AND...
BASTARDS!


BROTHERS!

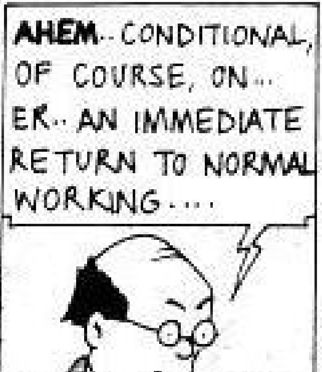

BROTHERS, THIS IS...
AND SISTERS YOU TOE-RAG!


THIS IS A GREAT MOMENT — WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF VICTORY!
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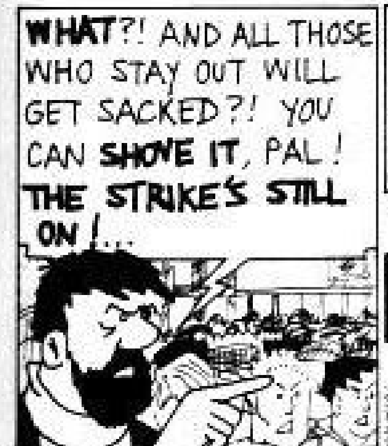

...I HAVE JUST COME FROM TALKS WITH MANAGEMENT, AND THEY HAVE MADE A GOOD OFFER
AT LAST!


YOU BASTARD JONES! YOU'RE GONNA SELL US OUT!
AGAIN!
IT'S A GOOD OFFER, BROTHERS...
LIAR!
STUFF THEIR PROMISES - THEY AIN'T WORTH NOTHING!


AN EXCELLENT OFFER ... A WAGE RISE — PLUS SUBSTANTIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE HILL FAMILY....


AHEM.. CONDITIONAL, OF COURSE, ON... ER.. AN IMMEDIATE RETURN TO NORMAL WORKING....


IT'S A STITCH-UP!
BASTARD!
SELL-OUT!


WHAT?! AND ALL THOSE WHO STAY OUT WILL GET SACKED?! YOU CAN SHOVE IT, PAL! THE STRIKE'S STILL ON!...


NOW, LET'S BE DEMOCRATIC, BROTHERS... ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR OF...
BUT WHAT IS THEIR OFFER?!


...WELL, THE EXACT DETAILS HAVE YET TO BE FINALISED, BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT...
YOU LYING BASTARD!

NOW THEN, BROTHERS, LET'S DO THIS PROPERLY — AND PUT IT TO THE VOTE... REMEMBER, ONLY FULL UNION MEMBERS CAN TAKE PART...













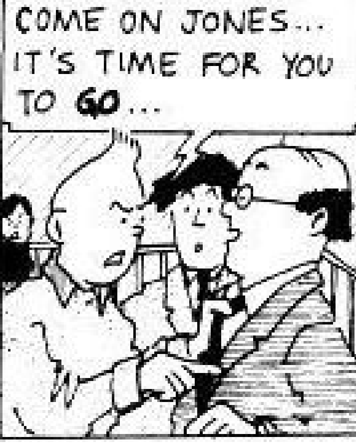
I KNOW HIM... ... AND I KNOW HE'LL STAB US IN THE BACK — SAME AS HE DID WITH THE OVERTIME BAN!


I'M **SICK** OF JONES AND HIS CRAP... **WE DON'T NEED THEM**...!


HE AIN'T GONNA HELP US WIN THIS STRIKE....


...THE ONLY WAY TO WIN IS **UNITY**...
... AND **SOLIDARITY!**

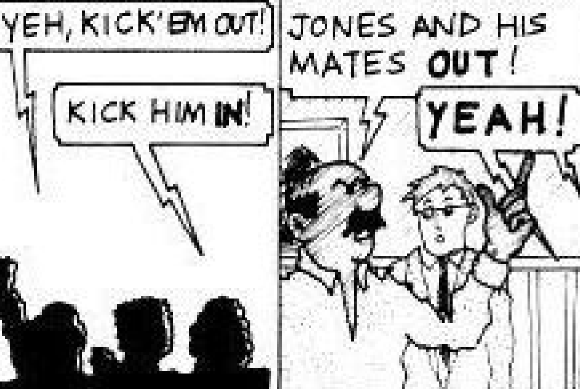

WE CAN DO IT **WITHOUT** JONES ... AND WE CAN **WIN**!
YEAH!


COME ON JONES... IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO **GO**...


HEY! LET GO! LET ME SPEAK!
KICK HIM OUT!


SHOVE OFF JONES! YOU AND YOUR BLOODY UNION HAVE GIVEN US **NOTHING**!!


KICK THEM OUT!
YEH, KICK'EM OUT!
KICK HIM **IN**!


I VOTE WE KICK JONES AND HIS MATES **OUT**!
YEAH!



BUT THIS IS ILLEGAL!!

GO ON, FUCK OFF JONES AND TAKE YOUR HEAVIES WITH YOU!!

RIGHT – LET'S HAVE A BIT OF ORDER...

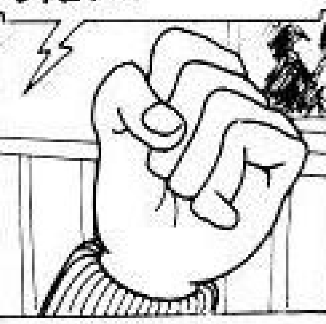
NOW WE'VE GOT RID OF THAT LOT, WE CAN GET DOWN TO THE REAL BUSINESS

...WE'VE GOT TO GET ORGANISED ...WE'VE GOT TO SORT OUT PICKETS WE'VE GOT TO RAISE MONEY...

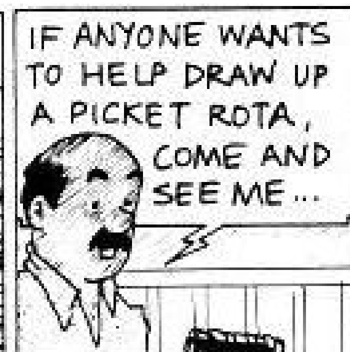
...AND WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT!!


I'M DONE WITH CRAWLING AND ARSE-LICKING...


I'M SICK OF THEIR LIES, THEIR LOW PAY, THEIR CRAP SAFETY....


..WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT TILL WE DROP...


AND WE'RE GONNA WIN!!
YEAH!
YOU TELL THEM SUE

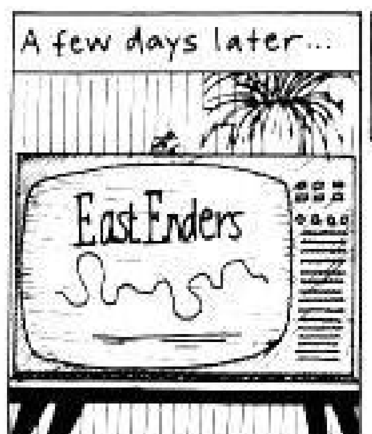

IF ANYONE WANTS TO HELP DRAW UP A PICKET ROTA, COME AND SEE ME...


I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND, FRANK...
WE CAN USE MY VAN


AND JEFF OVER THERE IS TAKING ON THE JOB OF ORGANISING STREET COLLECTIONS FOR THE STRIKE FUND...


AND I VOTE WE HAVE MASS MEETINGS LIKE THIS REGULARLY!
YEAH
GOOD IDEA!


HERE WE GO HERE WE GO! HERE WE GO!


A few days later...
EastEnders


NO-ONE'S REALLY WATCHING THIS, ARE THEY?....
YOU KNOW, I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO DO A COLLECTION ROUND HERE...


WHAT? ON THE ESTATE?
YEH, WHY NOT? IT AFFECTS US ALL...


EH, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?...


WELL, QUITE A LOT OF PEOPLE ROUND HERE ARE INVOLVED IN THE STRIKE...


AND EVERYONE HATES LONGS ANYWAY....


BECAUSE THEY'RE TEARING THIS AREA DOWN TO PUT UP THEIR FLATS...
DECENT HOMES FOR ALL NOT THE RICH
LONGS

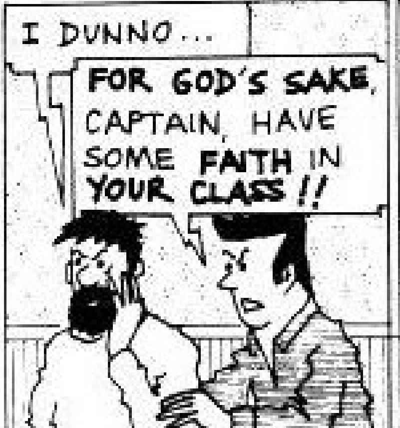

...BUT..ER... IT'S A STRIKE...AND.. ER...

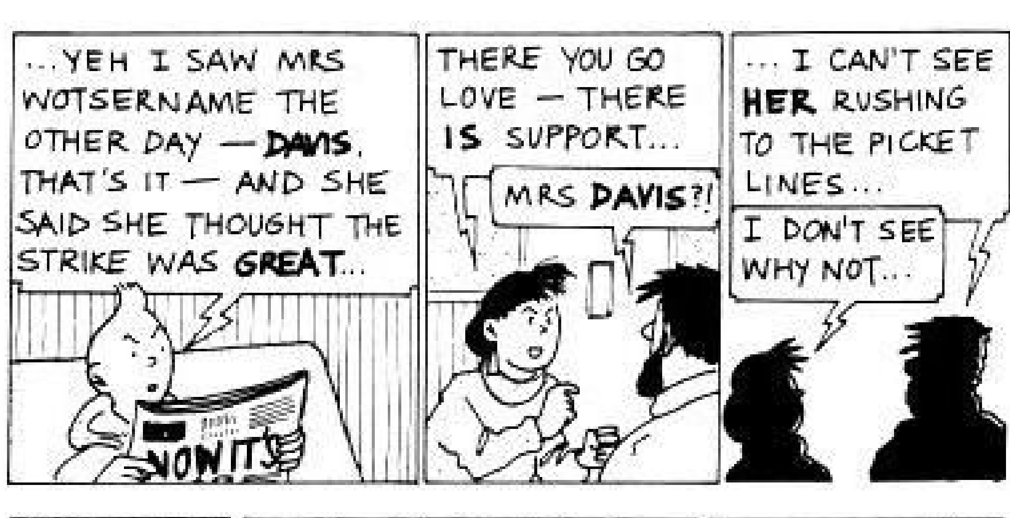

BUT WHAT?! DON'T BE SO STUPID!!
BUT... IT'S... LIKE... A STRIKE... AND...
...AND EVERYONE HATES STRIKERS?
YEAH, THAT'S IT!
BUT THAT'S BULLSHIT — STRAIGHT OUT OF 'THE SUN'!!


YEH, JIM'S RIGHT — LOADS OF PEOPLE DO SUPPORT STRIKES — LOOK AT THE MINERS...


YEH AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM!
BUT THEY ONLY LOST BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH REAL WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY!!


IF WE COLLECT ON THIS ESTATE, YOU'LL BE SURPRISED HOW MUCH SUPPORT YOU DO GET...


I DUNNO...
FOR GOD'S SAKE, CAPTAIN, HAVE SOME FAITH IN YOUR CLASS!!
SSSH!! YOU'LL WAKE SHARON! ...ANYWAY I THINK A COLLECTION IS A GREAT IDEA!



AND IF **SHE** CAN GO, **I** CAN GO TOO!

...I MEAN, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT **SUPPORT**, WHAT ABOUT SUPPORTING **ME**?!

IF YOU EACH SAID YOU'D DO A FEW HOURS A WEEK BABYSITTING, THEN I COULD GET OUT COLLECTING AND LEAFLETTING...

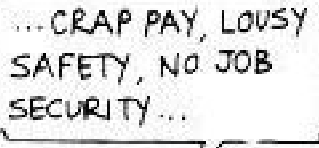
A LEAFLET! THAT'S IT! I COULD PRINT IT UP AT WORK AND WE COULD PUT IT ROUND THE ESTATE!

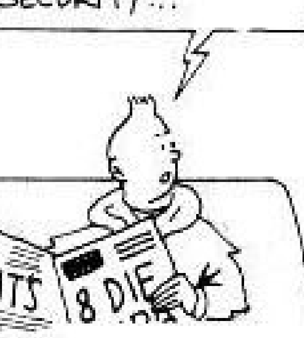
WELL LET'S DO A LEAFLET THEN...!

HANG ON...

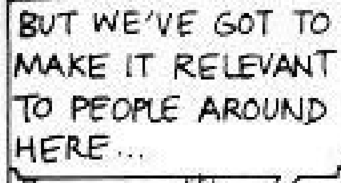
SHUT UP LOVE! HERE'S A PEN AND PAPER... NOW WHAT DO WE SAY...?

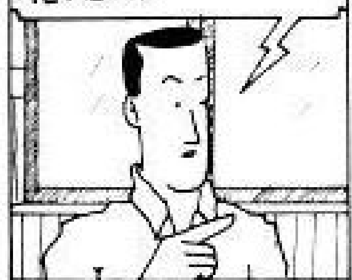

START OFF WITH WHY WE'RE ON STRIKE — Y'KNOW, JOE DYING...


...CRAP PAY, LOUSY SAFETY, NO JOB SECURITY...


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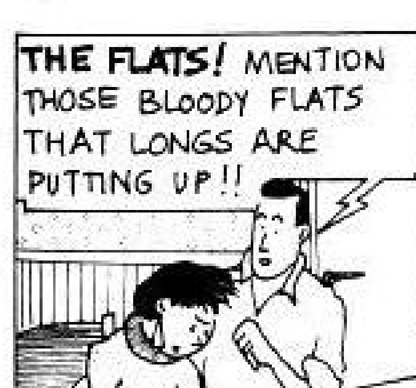

...AND JUST BEING PUSHED AROUND ALL THE TIME... **THAT'S** WHAT REALLY GETS **ME!!**

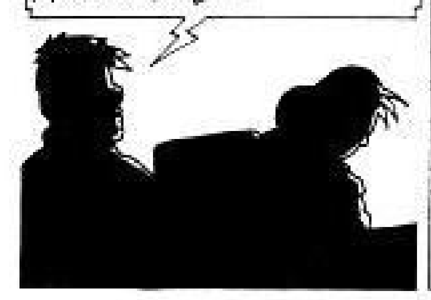

BUT WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT RELEVANT TO PEOPLE AROUND HERE...




PUT IN SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HOSPITAL THEY'RE CLOSING...
GAZETTE
ST JAMES SET TO CLOSE!


AND **EVERYONE** SUFFERS FROM LOW PAY...
PLUS THERE'S ALL THE CUTS IN THE DOLE!

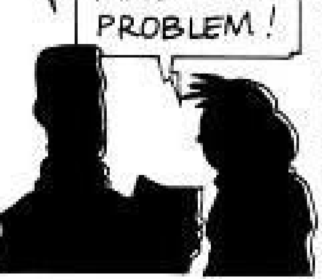

THE FLATS! MENTION THOSE BLOODY FLATS THAT LONGS ARE PUTTING UP!!
AND ALL THOSE FLASH WINEBARS **HA! HA! HA!**
SAY THAT IT'S EVERYONE'S STRIKE — IF **THIS** STRIKE WINS, WE'LL **ALL** WIN!

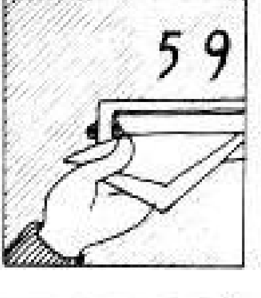

AND PUT PRACTICAL STUFF AT THE BOTTOM — COLLECTING MONEY AND FOOD...


WHO TO CONTACT ABOUT PICKETING, WHEN THE BIG MEETINGS ARE...


PHEW! THAT SOUNDS LIKE WE'VE COVERED EVERYTHING...


RIGHT—IF I TAKE IT NOW I CAN GET IT TYPED UP AND START PRINTING IT TOMORROW OR THURSDAY...


IS 3,000 COPIES TOO MANY?
NO, THAT'S FINE — NO PROBLEM!

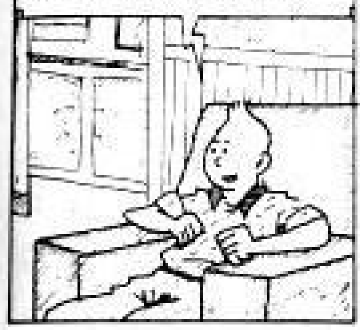

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"**NO PROBLEM**"?! I'M BLOODY SHATTERED — ALL THOSE STAIRS!


AND NOT **ONE** SODDING LIFT WORKING!...STILL IT'S WORTH IT!


YEAH, DES MADE A REALLY GOOD JOB OF IT — IT LOOKS **GREAT**!
LONGS
STRIKE

QUITE A FEW PEOPLE STOPPED ME AND SAID "KEEP IT UP!"



I KNEW IT WOULD WORK – EVEN THAT MR ANDERSON ON THE END CAME OUT TO SAY HE SUPPORTED THE STRIKE!

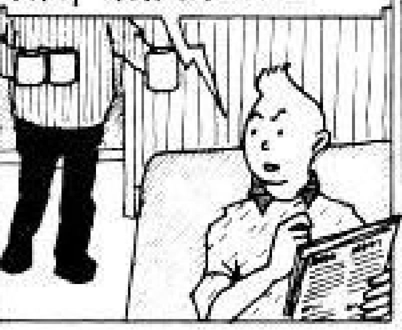
WHAT?! THE GRUMPY ONE WITH THE ALSATIAN?!



BLOODY HELL! WONDERS WILL NEVER CEASE...



I WAS WELL TEMPTED TO PACK IT IN HALF-WAY THROUGH...



..MY LEGS WERE REALLY HURTING AND IT WAS SO BORING! .... TA!



YEH, IT WAS A RIGHT PAIN IN THE ARSE!...

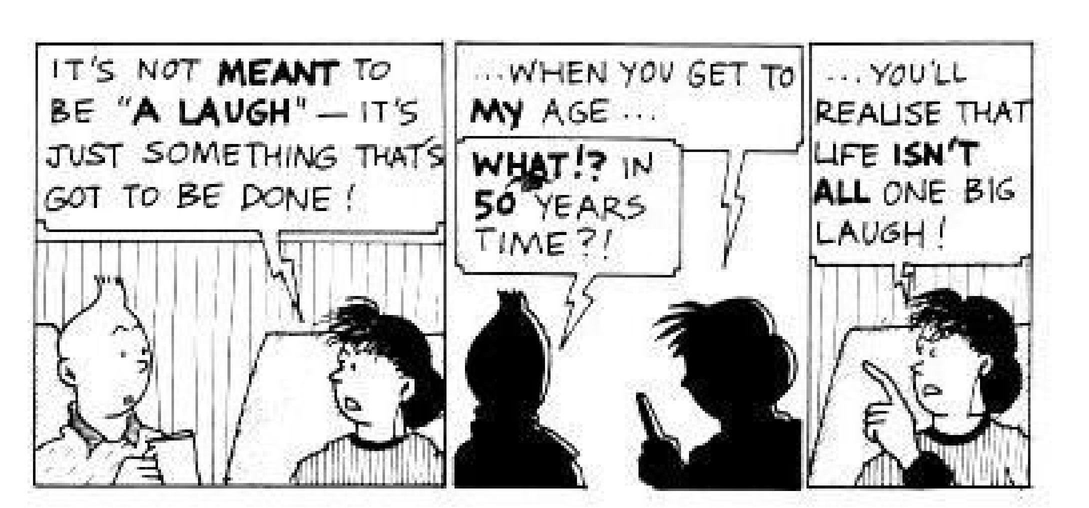


HUH!! IF YOU THINK THAT'S BAD, MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE A GO AT SOME OF MY HOUSEWORK!



ER...NO THANKS MARY!... BUT IT AIN'T MUCH OF A LAUGH, IS IT, DISHING OUT LEAFLETS?




IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE "A LAUGH" — IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT'S GOT TO BE DONE!
...WHEN YOU GET TO MY AGE...
WHAT!? IN 50 YEARS TIME?!
...YOU'LL REALISE THAT LIFE ISN'T ALL ONE BIG LAUGH!


ANYWAY IT WASN'T THAT BAD, TINTIN... IT FELT GREAT JUST TALKING TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE!


I TELL YOU, THERE'S BEEN A REAL BUZZ ON THIS ESTATE THESE PAST FEW WEEKS...


IT HASN'T FELT LIKE THIS FOR YEARS!!

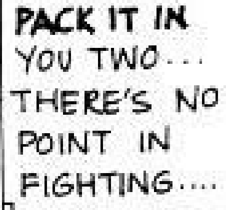

Some days later...
MASS
MASS
MEETING
LONGS
STRIKE
TONIGHT


UNION
ALL

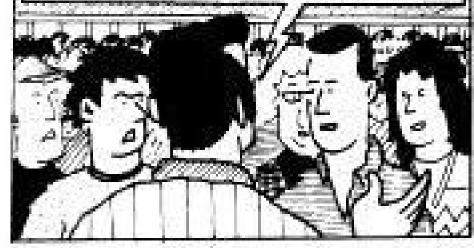

STRIKE CENTRE


OK...ALRIGHT!...LET'S SETTLE DOWN - WE'VE GOT A LOT TO GET THROUGH TONIGHT...
LIKE WHAT?
...YOU KNOW - A NEW PICKET ROTA... ER... AN UPDATE ON ANY SOLIDARITY ACTIONS.. ..ER... YOU KNOW...
NO, I DON'T KNOW!!
YEH, I AGREE! NO-ONE KNOWS ANYTHING 'BOUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON!
WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST THEN, ANDY...?
SOME SORT OF REGULAR STRIKE NEWS-SHEET...
YEAH... EVERY FEW DAYS...
I'LL HELP DO IT - ANYONE ELSE INTO IT?
GOOD IDEA!
ABOUT TIME TOO!
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND
I WILL
ME TOO
HOLD UP! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
ME?
YEH YOU! - YOU AIN'T NO BUILDER!
NO, BUT...
WELL PISS OFF THEN!!


I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE STRIKE...
BLOODY RENTAMOB!!
...AND DEFEND MY STREET AND THIS AREA AGAINST BIG PROPERTY DEVELOPERS LIKE LONGS..


PACK IT IN YOU TWO... THERE'S NO POINT IN FIGHTING....




WE ALL AGREED LAST WEEK THAT ANYONE WILLING TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE US IS WELCOME HERE....

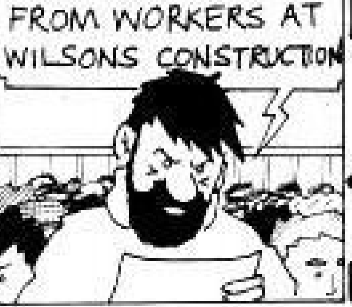

YEH, UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL!
I KNOW, JIM, I KNOW – I JUST GET PISSED OFF WITH THESE LEFTWINGERS AND THEIR PRECIOUS BLEEDING REVOLUTION!


WELL DON'T WE ALL MATE, DON'T WE ALL!
!


LOOK WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME AND WE NEED TO SORT OUT NEXT WEEK'S PICKETING!


IT'S TIME WE STARTED TO PICKET OUT ALL SUPPLIERS TO LONGS!

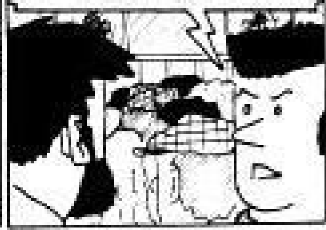

WHAT'S THE POINT FRANK?! WE CAN'T EVEN GET ALL THE LONGS SITES OUT!


WE CAN DO BOTH! I'VE JUST BEEN GIVEN A MESSAGE FROM WORKERS AT WILSONS CONSTRUCTION


..THEY'VE ALL WALKED OUT IN SUPPORT OF OUR FIGHT!


IF IT CARRIES ON LIKE THIS... NOTHING WILL STOP US!


...IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS TIM....


THEY HAVE BEEN MATE! THERE'S A LOT OF ANGER AND FRUSTRATION ABOUT!


I SAY WE SHOULD GET OUT TO OTHER LONGS COMPANIES AS WELL....


YEH THEY OWN SOME BIG TRANSPORT FIRM...
AND QUITE A FEW HOTELS...
THERE'S THAT SHIPPING GROUP!

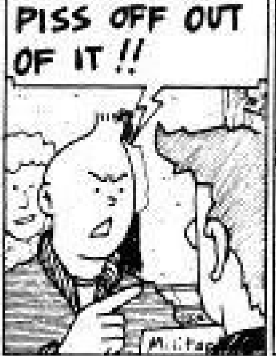

..IF WE APPROACH THOSE WORKERS I RECKON SOME OF'EM MIGHT WANT TO COME OUT!!



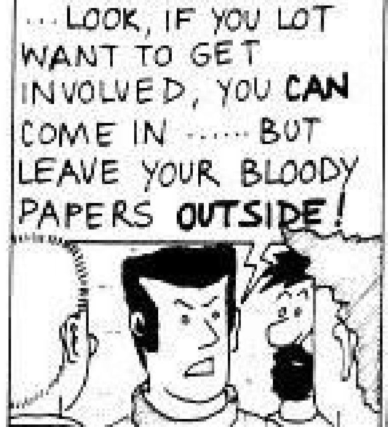
YEH, I AGREE... THE ONLY WAY TO **WIN** THIS STRIKE IS TO **SPREAD** IT...

...WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE ON OUR OWN – WE'VE GOT TO **UNITE!**









OH DON'T BE SO **HARD** ON'EM, CAPTAIN – SOME OF'EM ARE OK...

...I KNOW, JIM – IT'S JUST **THEIR PARTIES** WHICH ARE A HEAP OF **SHIT!!** SEEYA MATE!!


Early the next morning....


...very early...
OH...OH MY GOD!




MORNING CAPTAIN!
DON'T SOUND SO BLOODY CHEERFUL DAVE!!

GETTING OUT OF A WARM BED TO STAND AROUND ON A PICKET LINE AIN'T MY IDEA OF **FUN**!

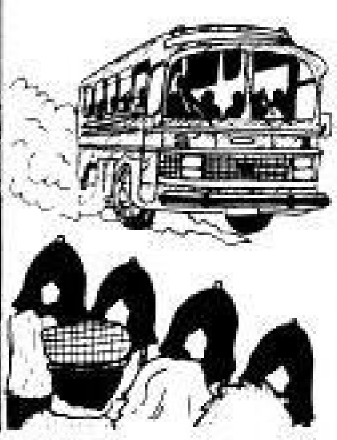

HANG ABOUT...! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING!... ...IT'S THE **OLD BILL**!!

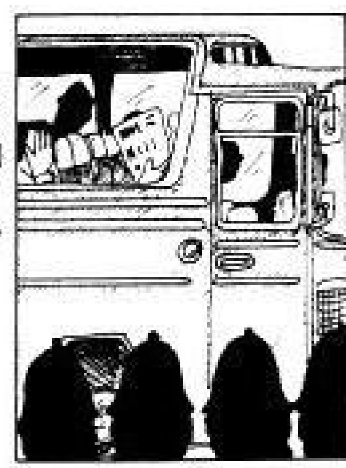

CLEAR THE ROAD! ..COME ON, MOVE IT!! BACK ON TO THE PAVEMENT....


...AND WHAT IF WE ALL REFUSE TO....
DO NOT CROSS PICKET


MOVE IT!!
PICKET LINE


ALRIGHT - IT'S ALL CLEAR DOWN AT THE GATES....
LONGS






YOU SCABBY BASTARDS!!


GET HIM!

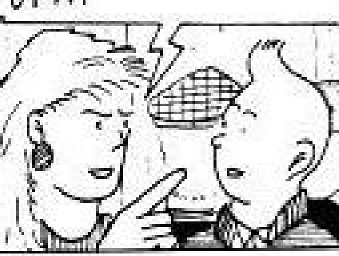

LET HIM GO!
PIGS!
BASTARDS


THIS IS CRAZY... IT'S LIKE WATCHING TELLY ABOUT NORTHERN IRELAND..


YEH, MORE OF OUR SIDE NICKED FOR SWEET F·A....


IF I COULD GET MY HANDS ON THOSE SCAB SHITS... I'D KILL'EM!!


HANG ON FRANK! ...WE'RE WELL OUTNUMBERED HERE...


TINTIN'S RIGHT... WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHERE THE COACH PICKS UP...


..HEY, I'VE GOT A GOOD ZOOM LENS ON MY CAMERA...


WITH PHOTOS WE CAN START PUTTING NAMES TO FACES..
BUT WE'VE STILL GOT TO **STOP** THEM GETTING IN HERE...


THIS IS THE SITE THAT STARTED IT ALL OFF...


...AND I RECKON LONGS ARE BANKING ON THE STRIKE BEING BROKEN HERE FIRST...


YEH, WE'VE HAD NO REPORTS OF SCABS ON ANY OTHER SITES YET

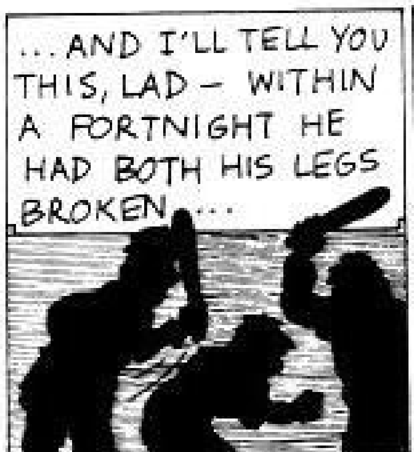

BUT IF WE DON'T STOP'EM SOON, PEOPLE WILL START LOSING INTEREST...


..BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT DES, WHEN THEY'RE SURROUNDED BY HUNDREDS OF PIGS?!



WELL YOU'RE NOT THE **FIRST** TO STRIKE HERE, YOU KNOW... WE WERE OUT FOR TWELVE WEEKS BACK IN '72...

YEH, WE HAD SCABS IN THOSE DAYS TOO.... ORGANISED BY ER... ROY... ER.. ROY **MORRIS**...











CHAPTER · THREE




A week later....
YOU KNOW WHAT... WE'RE GONNA LOSE THIS ONE...
YOU WHAT?!
NO.. I MEAN IT MATE...
...PEOPLE ARE GETTING FED UP, STARTING TO DRIFT AWAY..
YOU KNOW... STARTING TO LOOK FOR WORK ELSEWHERE...
WHAT BLOODY WORK!!
THERE AIN'T NO WORK — NOT ROUND HERE... ANYWAY WE'RE ALL BLACKLISTED NOW...
...THAT'S NOT THE POINT — WE'RE JUST NOT GETTING ANYWHERE...
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, CAPTAIN.... A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO STAY AT HOME...
..TAKE SOMEONE LIKE YOUNG MARK — HE DON'T PICKET NO MORE ... HE SAYS HE FINDS IT ALL TOO DEPRESSING
..GETTING UP EARLY JUST TO WATCH SCABS GO IN AND SEE A FEW MATES GET NICKED!


YEH, BUT THERE'S STILL A HELL OF A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR THE STRIKE ROUND HERE, JIM...
...THAT'S TRUE. HOPEFULLY THE NEWSLETTER WILL STIR THINGS UP A BIT...
...AND THEN THERE'S THE BIG PICKET TOMORROW...


YEH, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A MARCH BEFORE THE PICKET?
LOCAL
OH, LOADS OF HOUSES ARE DUE TO BE EVICTED NEAR THE CAVENDISH ESTATE THIS WEEK...
...A BIG PROPERTY DEVELOPER BOUGHT 'EM CHEAP OFF THE COUNCIL


...THEY DELIBERATELY WHACKED THE RENT UP TO PUT EVERYONE IN ARREARS, SO NOW THEY CAN KICK EVERYONE OUT AND "REDEVELOP" THE WHOLE BLOCK...
SO THERE'S GONNA BE A DEMONSTRATION THERE FIRST – AND THEN WE'LL ALL MARCH OFF DOWN TO DERBY ROAD...


...IT SHOULD BE GOOD..
GOOD?! IT'LL BE BRILLIANT!!


...ME AND MY MATES WILL BE THERE - ALL TOOLED UP AND READY TO RUCK!


...TINTIN! YOU'RE OBSESSED BY VIOLENCE!


TOO BLOODY RIGHT I AM!! ...WHAT THOSE BASTARDS NEED IS...


GIVE IT A REST! I DIDN'T GET ALL DRESSED UP JUST TO SIT IN ARGUING ALL NIGHT!

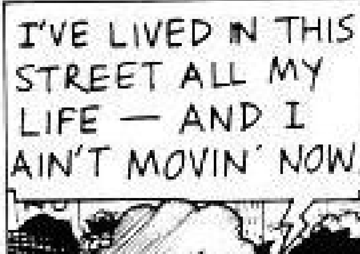



I MEAN, ARE WE GOING OUT OR ARE WE GOING OUT!!


The next day....
OMES FOR AL


THIRTY BLOODY YEARS I'VE LIVED HERE...


..I KNOW IT AIN'T MUCH, BUT IT'S ME HOME!







A LOT OF THE PEOPLE ON STRIKE AT LONGS HAVE TURNED UP TODAY...









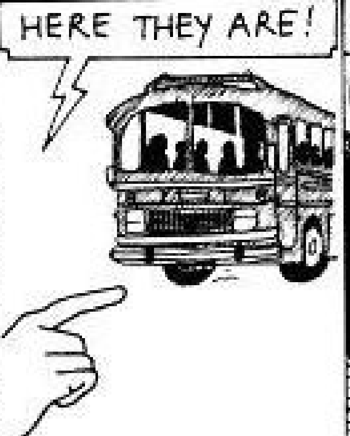
WHEN WE GET NEAR THE GATES, WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH THE POLICE LINES! PASS IT ON!!


LET'S GO!!!


HERE WE GO! HERE WE GO! HERE WE GO!


LET'S LINK ARMS AND ALL STAND FIRM!!


THE SCABS WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE...


HERE THEY ARE!


JESUS CHRIST!




SOD IT – I'M NOT GOING THROUGH THAT LOT!!


COME BACK AND FIGHT, YOU DIRTY SCABS!
NO SCABS

WE DID IT!... WE STOPPED 'EM COMING IN!!

WE DID IT! JESUS! WE FUCKIN' **DID IT**!

..ALRIGHT, LADS, YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN — I'M GIVING YOU ONE MINUTE...

SCUM!

...TO CLEAR THIS HIGHWAY...

WHAT YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT, **EH**!?

IF YOU DON'T MOVE, WE WILL MOVE YOU... ..**FORCIBLY**!

FUCK OFF! WE AIN'T GOING **NOWHERE**!






NO SCABS HERE


TINTIN! LOOK OUT!
HOME


POLI




NICE ONE MATE!


ALRIGHT SON?.. TIME TO GO....!!

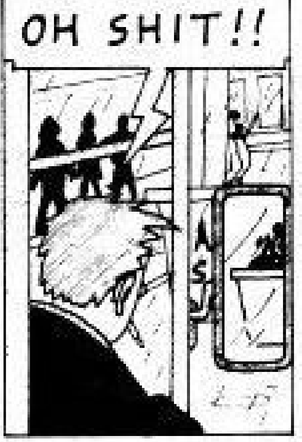

C'MON LOVE... NO POINT IN STAYING AROUND
BASTARDS!


WELL IT WAS LOADS BETTER THAN THE USUAL PICKET...
...AND WE STOPPED THE COACHES...
...NOT FOR LONG ENOUGH THOUGH.... YOU INTERESTED IN STOPPING'EM MORE PERMANENTLY?
SURE!
OK, MEET BY THE CO-OP AT FIVE ON FRIDAY MORNING, OK? AND KEEP IT QUIET...
Friday morning...
Meanwhile.....
MORNING DES!
ALRIGHT FRANK! LOVELY BLOODY WEATHER!!
HAVE YOU GOT ANY MORE SCAB NAMES AND ADDRESSES?
YEH, A FEW - I'LL DROP'EM IN AT THE STRIKE CENTRE...
GREAT - WE DID THE FIRST...
BLEEP!
THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY - GOOD LUCK!


OK LET'S MOVE THAT SKIP.... C'MON!
TRAVEL LTD.
HERE THEY COME!!


WHAT THE...?!

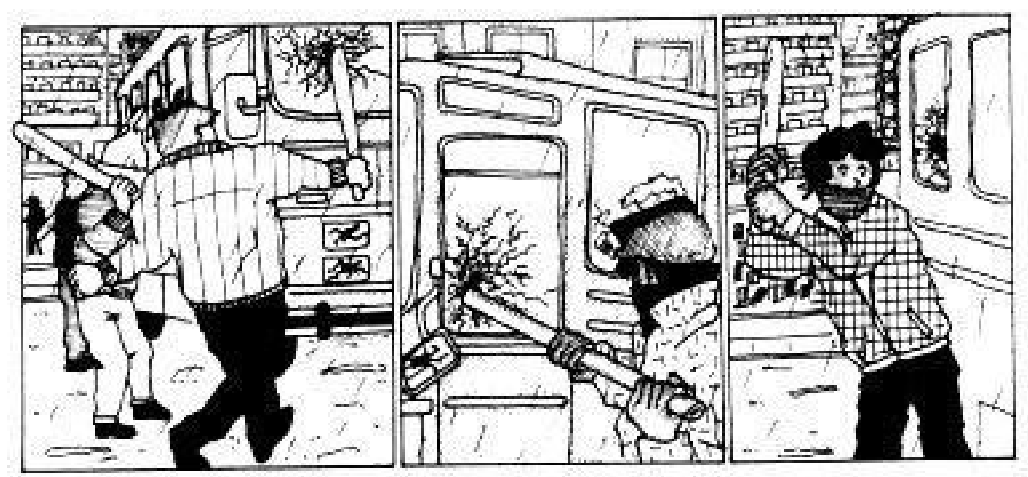

RIGHT, BLOCK'EM IN AT THE BACK!


OH SHIT!!


OI, YOU LOT, WHAT THE HELL...
POLICE




RIGHT, HERE WE GO....





LET'S SPLIT!
THAT WAS BRILLIANT!



DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THAT COP'S FACE!!?! HA! HA! HA!



OH YEH FRANK, HERE'S WHAT I MEANT TO SHOW YOU...





...THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NEWS-LETTER ... WE FINISHED PRINTING IT LAST NIGHT...

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NUMBER ONE

STRIKE CENTRE (Old Union Building) BROOKLANDS ROA

This is the first issue of a newsletter for Longs strikers. We hope to bring it out once a week, or maybe even more regularly. We welcome all contributions, especially details of pickets, meetings, collections.

THIS STRIKE INVOLVES US ALL. IT INVOLVES THE WORKERS SACKED AT DERBY ROAD. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS ON OTHER SITES WHO ARE NOW THREATENED WITH THE SACK. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS IN OTHER LONGS COMPANIES, LIKE TRANSPORT & SHIPPING, WHO WILL BE NEXT FOR THE CHOP. IT INVOLVES ALL WORKERS EVERYWHERE WHO WILL BE SQUEEZED EVEN MORE IF THIS STRIKE FAILS. IT INVOLVES EVERYONE IN THIS AREA WHO IS FED UP OF SEEINC LONGS BUILD LUXURY FLATS FOR THE RICH, WHILE THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS AND ST. JAMES HOSPITAL IS CLOSED FOR LACK OF MONEY... IT IS A STRIKE WE CAN WIN IF WE ALL STAND TOGETHER - SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH!

■ At the time of writing, the strike has entered its 8th week. With each day victory draws closer. Already all major Longs sites have been totally closed down. The way to win is to stand together and FIGHT! The Longs management have nothing to offer us. They've sacked us, they've blacklisted us, they've thrown the full weight of the cops against us... BUT WE WON'T GO AWAY! We'll be outside those gates until we win...

ALAN JONES – GO TO HELL!

■ We want nothing from the union and their corrupt management deals. Three years ago, when the overtime ban was on, we made the mistake of trusting the likes of Alan Jones, and they sold us down the river. We won't get fooled again. We know that the heart of this strike isn't the union. It's the pickets, it's the women's support group, it's the Strike Centre, it's the street collections, it's the support we get from the community. If we stand together and fight together, how can we lose?

SCABS

■ There are still scabs going into Derby Road. We've printed a list of their names and addresses overleaf. Why not give them a ring and let them know what you think of scum who will sell their mates for thirty pieces of silver?

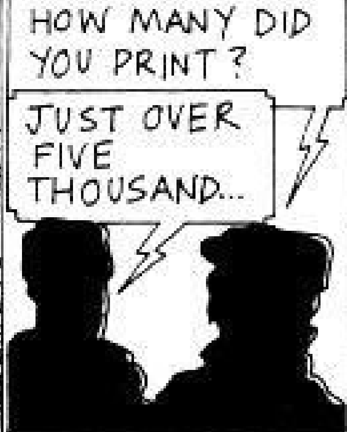
PICKETS

■ There is a picket of the Derby Road site every day at 6am and 5pm. Other pickets of the day are posted on the noticeboard in the entrance hall to the Strike Centre.

■ We have heard that several members of the National Front have been seen on the Derby Road picket line. We have only one message for them: PISS OFF! And if you know what's good for you, you won't show your faces round here again...

■ STOP PRESS...TUESDAY'S MASS PICKET OF DERBY ROAD WAS A SUCCESS...WE TOOK THE GATE EASILY...POOR PLOD DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM...THE SCABS GOT TURNED BACK...LET'S DO IT EVEN BETTER ON WEDNESDAY!


THAT'S **BRILLIANT** DES! HERE YOU ARE, CHRIS....


HOW MANY DID YOU PRINT?
JUST OVER FIVE THOUSAND...


THIS IS **GREAT!** WE CAN SHIFT LOADS AT THE MASS PICKET ON MONDAY!


...AND I'VE GOT A BIT OF GOOD NEWS AS WELL....


..THE WORD IS THAT LONGS ARE NOW BEING BLACKED BY ENOUGH SUPPLIERS


WHAT, SO **NO** MATERIALS ARE GETTING THROUGH?
YEP!


THAT'S **FANTASTIC** NEWS....
OH I DON'T KNOW....


..IT DON'T MATTER THAT MUCH - EVEN IF THEY GET GOODS DELIVERED..


THEY'LL HAVE NO BLOODY SCABS WORKING TODAY!!!


The next evening...


... GOD, IT MAKES A CHANGE TO GET **OUT** FOR ONCE...


YEH, WE HAVEN'T BEEN OUT MUCH, HAVE WE?
APART FROM BLOODY MEETINGS!

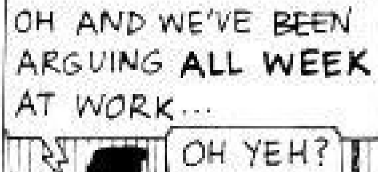



YOU KNOW, I REALLY APPRECIATE TINTIN LOOKING AFTER SHARON TONIGHT...


..YEH THAT LAD NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME...




...JUST THE OTHER DAY, HE WAS...
HIYA DES!
ALRIGHT! YOU OK?
WE'RE FINE LOVE!.. AND YOU?
I'M SORT OF OK I SUPPOSE... EXCEPT I'VE JUST HAD A ROW WITH MANDY, MY LOVER



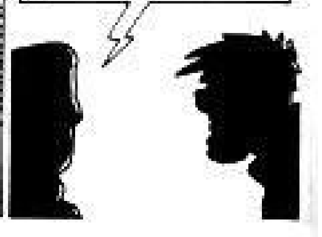
OH AND WE'VE BEEN ARGUING **ALL WEEK** AT WORK...



OH YEH?



YEH ... YOU KNOW IT'S A PRINTING CO-OPERATIVE ...?
YEAH, YEAH



WELL, WE JUST KEEP DISAGREEING ABOUT WHAT THE CO-OP SHOULD BE DOING...



SOME PEOPLE JUST TREAT IT AS A NINE-TO-FIVE JOB....



WHAT, AND YOU WANT TO **USE** IT TO DO OTHER THINGS.....?
YEH, LIKE THE NEWSLETTER...



IT'S FUNNY BUT THE WORST BIT ABOUT IT IS **NOT** HAVING A BOSS...
EH?!



THERE'S NO-ONE TO BLAME ... USUALLY WE ALL END UP JUST HATING EACH OTHER....



CO-OPS CAN BE OK, DES – A MATE OF MINE HELPED SET UP A BUILDERS CO-OP...



...YEH I SAW HELEN LAST WEEK AND SHE SAID IT'S STILL GOING STRONG..


I GUESS IT'S LIKE EVERYTHING .... THERE'S NO PERFECT ANSWERS...
HIYA MATE!!


HELLO DAVE! ALRIGHT SUE!

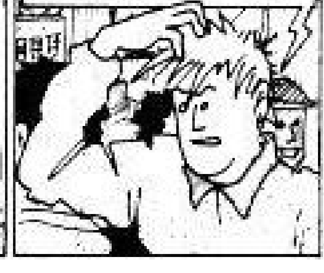

THIS IS DAVE — HE WORKS ON THE BUSES...
EVENING!


AND THIS IS SUE WHO WORKS WITH ME ....CAPTAIN AND MARY....


I RECOGNISE YOUR FACE, DAVE, BUT I CAN'T PLACE IT....


ERR..DERBY ROAD PICKET LINE?...? STRIKE CENTRE MEETINGS...??


OH YOU PROBABLY RECOGNISE DAVE FROM ALL OVER....
...THE MINERS SUPPORT GROUP, THE PRINTERS SUPPORT GROUP, THE HEALTH WORKERS STRIKE....


...BLOODY HELL! IT'S LIKE A HISTORY LESSON!!











...WELL I KNOW WHERE **I'M** GOING.... **UP TO THE BAR!** SAME AGAIN LOVE?





..AND NOW IT'S GROWING FASTER THAN **DAVE'S BEER BELLY!!**





OK, WE'VE DITCHED THE UNIONS, BUT WE STILL NEED **ORGANISATION**, DAVE!









WHAT?! YOU OFF TO **ANOTHER** MEETING?!

ERR.. AFRAID SO...

HOW COME **YOU** GET TO HAVE ALL THE **FUN!!**


Monday morning...
WE'RE ALMOST THERE.. ..IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER....
LET'S GET IT OUT NOW, JAN...
YEH, OK!


GIVE US A POLE THEN, PHIL...


LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE LONGS STRIKERS
SCABS OUT! STRIKERS IN!
TJ NEWS
SCABS OUT OF


..HELLO NICKY!! HELLO JAN!!...


HIYA MARY! HOW ARE YOU KEEPING?


I'M FINE... A BIT TIRED, BUT THAT'S NOTHING NEW, IS IT?!


THAT'S A BRILLIANT BANNER... DID YOU...
OI! YOU LOT!


WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU UP TO, EH ??!

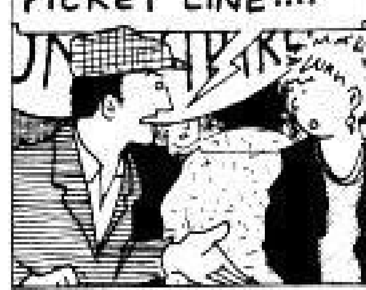



THIS IS A PICKET LINE — NOT A QUEERS' PICNIC! PISS OFF BEFORE YOU GIVE US ALL AIDS!!




LISTEN.. I LIVE ROUND HERE.. I'VE GOT MATES WHO ARE ON STRIKE... I'VE COLLECTED LOADS OF MONEY... I'VE BEEN DOWN THIS PICKET EVERY WEEK..


...WE'VE GOT AS MUCH OF A FUCKING RIGHT TO BE HERE AS YOU...

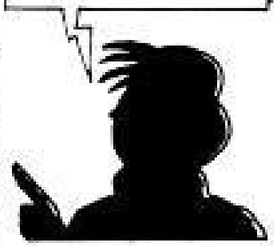

YEH BUT THIS AIN'T A GAY LIBERATION DEMO — THIS IS A PICKET LINE....


AND WE DON'T WANT YOUR SORT ROUND HERE....
STUFF IT!


I'M A LESBIAN AND I SUPPORT THIS STRIKE — THERE AIN'T NO CONTRADICTION!


WE'VE BEEN DOWN HERE LOADS OF TIMES — YOU'RE ONLY MOANING NOW 'COS WE'VE BROUGHT A BANNER...


...LOOK JACK — YOU ALWAYS GO ON AT THE GAZETTE FOR BEING PREJUDICED AGAINST THE STRIKE, DON'T YOU?...


...BUT IT'S OK FOR YOU TO BE PREJUDICED AGAINST NICKY....


...ANYWAY, WE'RE STAYING — IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!!


NICE ONE NICKY! YOU TELL HIM!


OH HI TINTIN! CREEPS LIKE THAT REALLY WIND ME UP!!

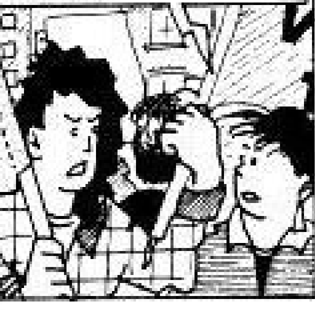

...I MEAN, WHAT THE **HELL** IS **HE** DOING DOWN HERE, EH?!
HOMES FOR ALL


IT'S BAD ENOUGH HAVING TO GO TO A 'RESTART' INTERVIEW THIS MORNING...


WITHOUT BEING HASSLED **HERE** BY **JERKS** LIKE THAT!!
HOUSING ACTION


...AND THEN I'VE...
KEVIN! ALRIGHT!


OH THANKS A **BUNDLE** FOR LISTENING, TINTIN!!


...IT'S THE SAME WITH CAPTAIN, NICKY....


THE ONLY TIME I SEE HIM THESE DAYS IS SPEAKING ON A PLATFORM...


...AND IF I GET TO SEE HIM ALONE, IT'S JUST **STRIKE, STRIKE, STRIKE!**

...AND TO CAP IT ALL, I SHOULD HAVE COME ON **3** DAYS AGO!....
TUE 16
WED 17
FRI 19
TUE
WED
FRI
SAT


YEH, SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE NOTHING'S WORTH IT...


NOT EVEN THIS BLOODY STRIKE! WHAT'S THE POINT OF IT IF...


WAKE UP AT THE END... THE COPS ARE ON THE MOVE!!
LON


STOP THE SCABS

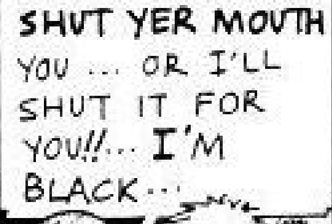

WE'RE BLOCKED IN... **AGAIN!**

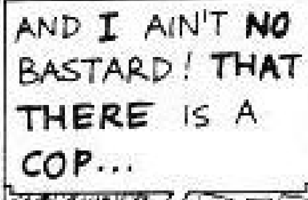

STRIKE
DO NOT CROSS PICKET


..IT'S LIKE THIS EVERY TIME... **GOD I HATE IT!!**

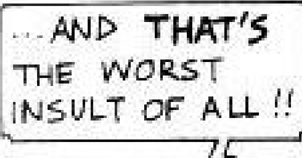

CHEER UP NICKY! THIS STRIKE'S THE BEST LAUGH ANY OF US HAVE HAD FOR **AGES!!**


OI!! YOU BLACK BASTARD!! WHY DON'T YOU FUCK OFF HOME!!

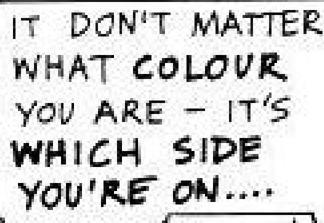

SHUT YER MOUTH YOU ... OR I'LL SHUT IT FOR YOU!!... I'M BLACK...


AND I AIN'T NO BASTARD! THAT THERE IS A COP...




...AND THAT'S THE WORST INSULT OF ALL!!




IT DON'T MATTER WHAT COLOUR YOU ARE – IT'S WHICH SIDE YOU'RE ON....


YEAH!


SCABS!


BASTARDS!
SCABS!
NO SCABS


WANKERS!
SCUM!


BASTARDS!
DON'T WORRY- THEIR TIME WILL COME!!





..THIS IS DAVE HARRIS FROM **WILLIAMSONS** WHO ARE THE FAR THE BIGGEST SUPPLIERS TO LONGS

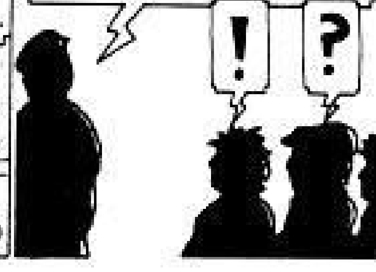








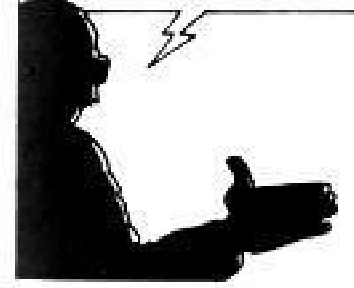





...INSTEAD, WE'RE OUT ON **ALL-OUT STRIKE** AS WELL...


..THAT'S **BRILLIANT** NEWS, DAVE!


..SO THERE ARE NOW **19** LONGS SITES ON TOTAL STRIKE...


...AND WITH **NO** MATERIALS GETTING IN ELSEWHERE, THE TRUTH IS...


...WE'VE **MANAGED TO CLOSE THE BASTARDS DOWN!!**
BRILLIANT!


WELL I THINK IT'S TIME WE STARTED ON **OTHER** SITES...


...AT THOMPSONS THEY'VE JUST REJECTED A PAY OFFER — LET'S GIVE 'EM SOME **REAL** SUPPORT!
YEAH!!


YEH, I'VE WORKED WITH ALL THE BIG OUTFITS... AND THEY'RE **ALL** AS BAD AS LONGS!
TOO RIGHT!


SO ARE WE AGREED? DO WE PICKET OUT **ALL** THE BUILDING SITES?
YEAH!


AND THERE'S A CHANCE THAT TRANSPORT WORKERS IN THE LONGS CHAIN WILL COME OUT NEXT WEEK...


WHICH WILL MEAN **US** GETTING OUT TO SUPPORT **THEIR** PICKET...


PLUS WILDCAT STRIKES OVER PAY AND CASUAL LABOUR ARE SPREADING AT THE POST OFFICE!


AND AT LAST WE'VE SORTED OUT A WAY OF GETTING ALL STRIKERS TOGETHER...


...AN ORGANISATION CALLED **REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDIN-ATION** HAS BEEN SET UP – AND IT'S OPEN TO **ANY**BODY!!


MY GOD, ALAN, IT'S REALLY SPREADING...


IT'S AMAZING.. WE'RE REALLY BEGINNING TO **WIN**..!


WE'VE STILL GOT LOTS OF MONEY COMING IN, BUT ALL THE NEW STRIKERS WILL NEED MONEY...


..WE NEED TO STEP UP COLLECTIONS— IT'S NOT JUST LONGS ANY MORE– IT'S GETTING BIGGER EVERY DAY!


WE'VE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER EVEN MORE...AS IT GETS BIGGER, IT'S GONNA GET HARDER...


..WE'RE ALL GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES, BUT I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY...


THAT I'D RATHER DIE ON MY FEET THAN LIVE ON MY KNEES...


WELL HOPEFULLY NO-ONE WILL DIE...
..EXCEPT SCABS!
...AND THE BOSSES!!


..BUT WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF HARD GRAFT TO DO... DES HAS PRINTED UP SOME POSTERS..


...THERE'S ONE ABOUT THE STRIKE AND ONE FOR THE BIG DEMO COMING UP ON THE 20th...
STRIKE
MARCH AGAINST LONGS

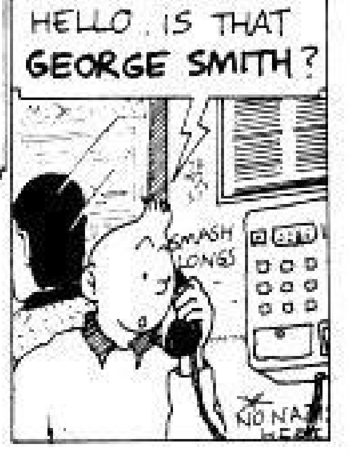

..SO CAN YOU ALL TAKE SOME AND GET'EM STUCK UP ALL OVER...


PSST!! I'M DYING FOR A PINT... DO YOU FANCY ONE?


YEH...LET'S GO...


...IT WAS A GREAT MEETING...
YEH, SOMETHING'S REALLY HAPPENING..

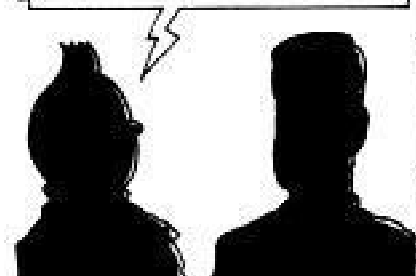

HANG ON... I'VE JUST GOT TO MAKE A CALL...


HELLO..IS THAT **GEORGE SMITH**?

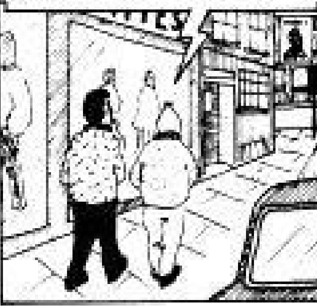

LISTEN YOU **SCABBY BASTARD**... LAST NIGHT IT WAS YOUR WINDOWS, NEXT TIME IT'S **YOUR LEGS**... **UNDERSTAND?!!**

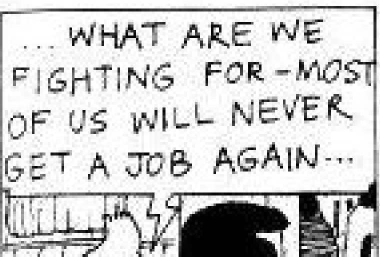

...IT GIVES ME A REAL KICK TO DO THAT...


..BUT I STILL FEEL PRETTY **HELPLESS**...

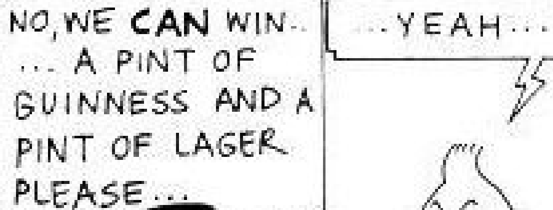

I MEAN, WE'VE GOT THEM A FEW TIMES, BUT **SO WHAT?!**


SMALL ACTIONS **DO** HELP TO KEEP IT ALL GOING...

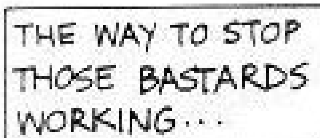

NAH! WE'RE JUST **PISSING INTO THE WIND!**


...WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR-MOST OF US WILL NEVER GET A JOB AGAIN...




NO, WE CAN WIN... ... A PINT OF GUINNESS AND A PINT OF LAGER PLEASE...
...YEAH...

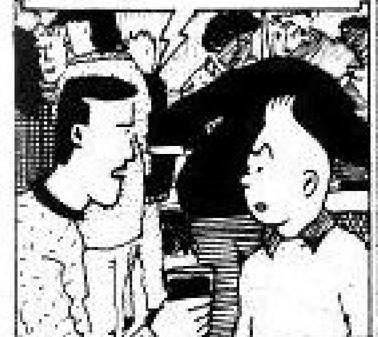



THE WAY TO STOP THOSE BASTARDS WORKING...




..IS TO DEVASTATE THAT SITE ... JUST THINK-NO MORE SCABBING!

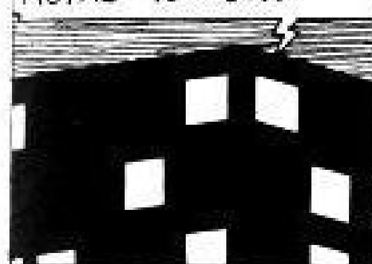

IT COULD BE DONE, YOU KNOW...
YEAH

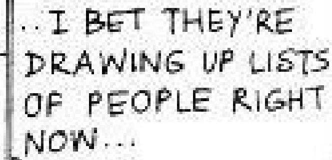

.... BUT IT'S BLOODY RISKY...


THAT SORT OF STUFF SCARES ME SHITLESS!

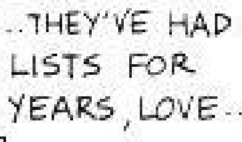

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS!


...IT'S NO GAME — WE'VE GOT TO PUT THE FUCKING BOOT IN — HARD!
..DO YOU KNOW THE LAYOUT OF THE SITE...?
..YEH.... OF COURSE...
...WELL THEN...?
...WELL WHAT?
DO YOU WANNA DO IT?
...WHAT, BURN IT?
YEAH...
YEAH! WHY NOT! THOSE BASTARDS DESERVE IT!
OK, LET'S GO OUTSIDE — I DON'T LIKE TALKING IN PUBS...


A few nights later..
YOU KNOW, I'M SURE WE GOT FOLLOWED HOME TONIGHT...


..I BET THEY'RE DRAWING UP LISTS OF PEOPLE RIGHT NOW...




..THEY'VE HAD LISTS FOR YEARS, LOVE...




...I MEAN, THEY'VE BEEN PRACTISING IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THIS SORT OF THING....




ARE YOU OK, LOVE?.....


...OH...I JUST KEEP THINKING ABOUT CHARLIE..IT'S HIS FIRST NIGHT IN PRISON..


TWELVE MONTHS! AND HE NEVER TOUCHED THAT COPPER...


SO THE COPS LIE TO PUT PICKETS IN PRISON — WHAT'S NEW?!


...WE'RE DOING A SPECIAL COLLECTION IN THE HIGH STREET FOR HIS FAMILY...


...AND THERE'S A MARCH TO THE PRISON TOMORROW LUNCHTIME...


WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?


WE'RE UP AGAINST SOMETHING SO **BIG!**

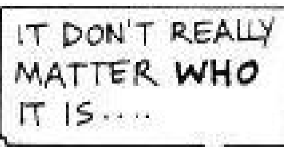

...AND IT'S GOING TO GET **WORSE** ...... I JUST KNOW IT....


WE'RE NOT DOING TOO BADLY - WE'VE GOT....

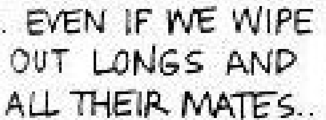

WE HAVEN'T EVEN **STARTED** YET, LOVE !!

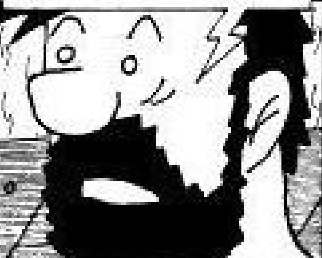

..THERE WAS THIS THING ON TELLY THE OTHER DAY ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT...


WE'RE DESTROYING THIS WORLD, BIT BY BIT....



IT'S NOT **US**, LOVE, IT'S NOT **US** WHO ARE DOING ALL THAT!
IT DON'T REALLY MATTER **WHO** IT IS....


THE POINT IS EVEN IF WE WIN THIS STRIKE....


. EVEN IF WE WIPE OUT LONGS AND ALL THEIR MATES..

...AND **EVEN IF** WE CHANGE THE WHOLE BLOODY SYSTEM....

...WHAT'S GONNA BE LEFT OF THE WORLD FOR US ...AND SHARON?!

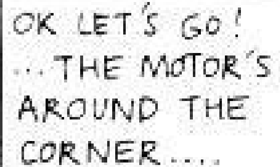

GOD, I'M TIRED, TIRED OF IT ALL!

.... **HOW** TIRED ARE YOU, LOVE?

NOT **THAT** TIRED, I GUESS..


Meanwhile, elsewhere...
HAVE YOU GOT THE STUFF...?


YEH, **GALLONS** OF IT... I'VE WIPED ALL THE PRINTS OFF...

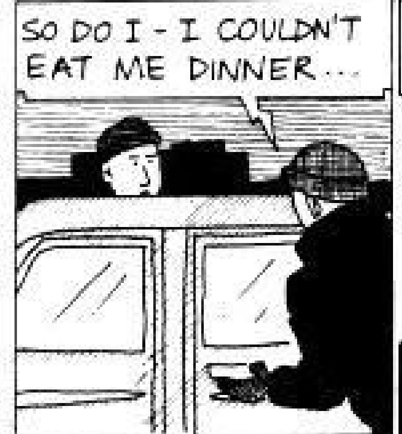

OK LET'S GO! ...THE MOTOR'S AROUND THE CORNER....




WHEN DID YOU NICK IT?
THIS AFTER-NOON...


IT WAS A **PIECE OF PISS!** JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS!!


GOD, I FEEL SO NERVOUS....


SO DO I - I COULDN'T EAT ME DINNER...


YOU STILL WANNA DO IT?...
YOU BET!


OK - LET'S GO!!


THIS IS SERIOUS STUFF - ABOUT 5 YEARS IF WE GET CAUGHT...


I'M TIRED OF TALK, DES - I JUST WANT TO FUCK THOSE BASTARDS GOOD AND PROPER...


YOU'VE GOT SUCH A BURNING LOVE FOR THEM, TINTIN..


I'LL PARK ROUND THE BACK - IT'S EASIER TO GET OVER THE FENCE..


WE WONT FORGET THE SCABS


THIS IS IT... TIME TO PULL DOWN THE BALACLAVAS..
NGS






THE HUTS ARE THIS WAY...


JUST SPLASH IT EVERYWHERE...!
C'MON - QUICKLY!
DON'T FORGET THE CRANE!!
HERE, I'LL LIGHT IT - YOU THROW IT!
WOOMF
OH MY FUCKING GOD!!


COME ON, LEGGIT!


LONGS


GO! GO! GO!


A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!
IT'LL GIVE THE BASTARDS SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!


IT'S TEMPTING TO GO BACK AND WATCH ...


NO WAY! I AIN'T JOINING CHARLIE!!


DON'T FORGET TO DUMP ALL YOUR CLOTHES THEN!!


..AND LET'S KEEP OUR MOUTHS SHUT ON THIS ONE!

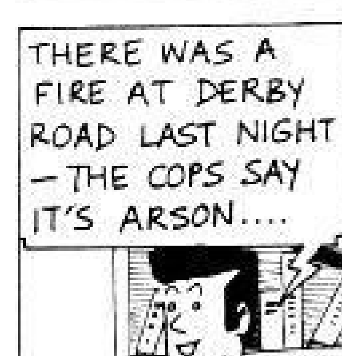



YEH, CARELESS TALK COSTS LIVES....

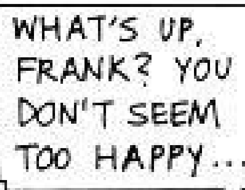

The next day....
... ARE TREATING IT AS ARSON ... BUS WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO ...


HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT...?


EH?.. DID YOU SAY SOMETHING JIM?


THERE WAS A FIRE AT DERBY ROAD LAST NIGHT – THE COPS SAY IT'S ARSON....


FUCKING HELL...!
OH **SHIT**!!


WHAT'S UP, FRANK? YOU DON'T SEEM TOO HAPPY....




CAN'T YOU SEE?! THEY'LL USE IT AGAINST US ... THEY'LL BE CALLING US **TERRORISTS** NOW!...


OH THEY CALL US EVERYTHING ELSE FRANK — ONE MORE WORD AIN'T GONNA MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE...

THAT'S NOT THE POINT, CAROLE...
YES IT BLOODY **IS**!


SINCE **WHEN** DID WE CARE WHAT THE PAPERS SAY?!

CAROLE'S RIGHT– IF YOU BELIEVED THE PRESS YOU WOULDN'T BE ON STRIKE NOW...

OK BUT WE CAN'T IGNORE THEM– MOST PEOPLE STILL READ 'THE SUN'... ..NOT 'STRIKE'!

THAT STILL DON'T MEAN THEY **BELIEVE** WHAT THEY READ...

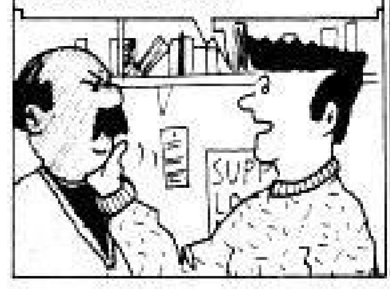
THINGS LIKE THIS BLOODY FIRE WON'T CHANGE A THING, JIM...

THAT'S NOT TRUE ...THEY HURT LONGS AND THEY INSPIRE US TO....

YEH, BUT IT AIN'T A SUBSITUTE FOR **WORKERS** TAKING ACTION...
WELL WHO SAID IT WAS?

LOOK, FRANK, AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, IT'S A BLOODY GOOD LAUGH...

... IT'S HIT LONGS IN THE POCKET **AND** IT'S GIVEN ME SOME-THING TO SMILE ABOUT!





OK OK OK!! YOU WIN!!











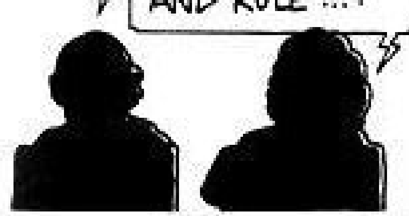
















HELLO, STRIKE CENTRE... YEH.. ...YEH..... SURE.. ... ABOUT HALF AN HOUR? OK!

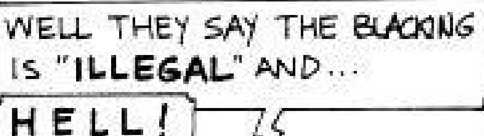
THAT WAS COLIN JACKSON FROM THE POST WORKERS —MANAGEMENT HAS THREATENED'EM WITH THE SACK FOR BLACKING LONGS MAIL ... CAN YOU TWO GO OVER?




And so, later....
...AND THAT'S THE **MANAGEMENT** POSITION.....

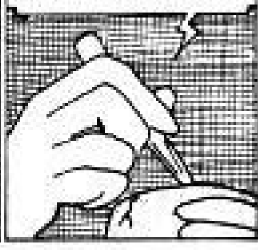

EITHER **STOP** THE ACTION OR GET THE SACK...


SO WHAT'S THE UNION LINE COLIN?


WELL THEY SAY THE BLACKING IS "**ILLEGAL**" AND...
HELL!




HA! WILL THE BASTARDS **NEVER** LEARN!!?


THING IS WE'VE GOT A LOT OF GRIEVANCES OF OUR OWN...


Y'KNOW, LOW PAY, LONG HOURS, CASUAL LABOUR ...ALL THE USUAL STUFF.


...ALL THIS LONGS THING HAS DONE IS BRING IT ALL TO A HEAD....


I RECKON WE'LL BE OUT ON ALL-OUT STRIKE BY TOMORROW...



THEY CAN GIVE A FULLER PICTURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON...

BRILLIANT! AS I SAID, MOST OF THE LADS ARE SPOILING FOR A FIGHT....

..AND THE UNION'S GOT SOD-ALL CREDIBILITY LEFT AFTER THE '87 AND '88 DEALS...

DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALONG POSTERS FOR THE BIG DEMO ON THE 20th...

IT SHOULD BE A GOOD'UN!

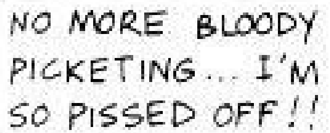
DON'T YOU WORRY MATE, IT WILL BE.. IT WILL BE!

C H A P T E R · F O U R




Some days later....
WHAT A **BASTARD**! .... THOSE BAIL CONDITIONS.....!!
IT'S JUST THE SAME AS IN THE MINERS' STRIKE, TERRY..


IF I EVER GET ME HANDS ON THAT MAGISTRATE, CANHAM...!


NO MORE BLOODY PICKETING... I'M SO PISSED OFF!!




A STRIKE AIN'T JUST ABOUT PICKETING....


DON'T FORGET ALL THE OTHER WORK WE'VE GOT TO DO...


LIKE WHAT?
WELL, FOLDING ALL THESE FOR A START...


..PUTTING FOOD PARCELS TOGETHER... GETTING MONEY TO RUN THIS PLACE..
MONEY DON'T GROW ON TREES, YOU KNOW....

..YEH I'VE DONE ME FAIR SHARE OF COLLECTING, DON'T WORRY...
..AND THEN THERE'S TRYING TO STOP THE UNION KICKING US OUT OF HERE...
...LEAFLETTING... ...FLYPOSTING... ..BABYSITTING...

BABYSITTING?!
YEAH!...... BABYSITTING!
HOW ELSE DO YOU THINK SOMEONE LIKE MARY CAN GET OUT TO MEETINGS OR GO PICKETING..
...MAGIC?!?
ER..I'D NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT BEFORE...





HEY DID YOU HEAR ABOUT ALL THE EXCITEMENT ON OUR ESTATE..?

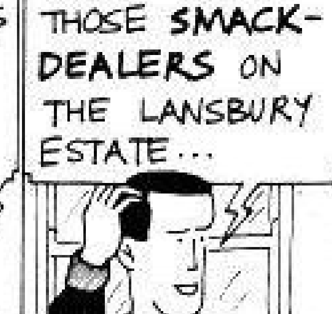
NO-WHAT?

APPARENTLY THERE WAS AN ELECTRICITY CUT-OFF TO ONE OF THE FLATS...

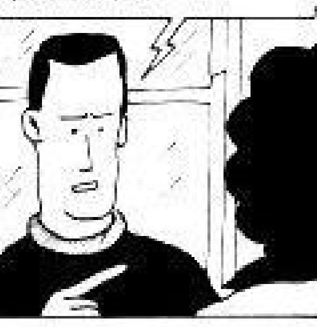
AT LEAST, THERE WAS **MEANT** TO BE ONE... BUT THERE WAS A CROWD OF PEOPLE.



YEH, I RECKON THE ESTATES HAVE GOT LOADS BETTER SINCE THIS STRIKE BEGAN..

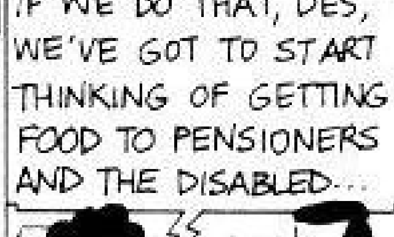



A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE RELIEVED WHEN THEY WERE KICKED OFF...


...BUT WE'VE GOT TO TAKE IT FURTHER....

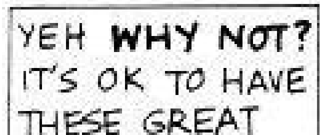

....YOU KNOW, MAKE **ALL** THE ESTATES **NO-GO** AREAS... FOR MUGGERS...


...**AND RAPISTS!**


IF WE DO THAT, DES, WE'VE GOT TO START THINKING OF GETTING FOOD TO PENSIONERS AND THE DISABLED...


....WHAT?... "REVOLUTIONARY MEALS ON WHEELS"?!?




YEH **WHY NOT?** IT'S OK TO HAVE THESE GREAT IDEAS....

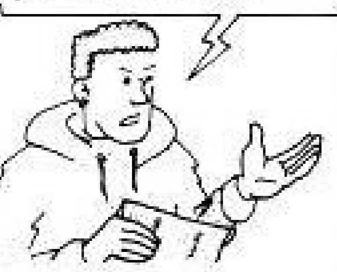



...BUT FOR SOME PEOPLE, A NO-GO AREA MEANS EVEN MORE HARDSHIP!

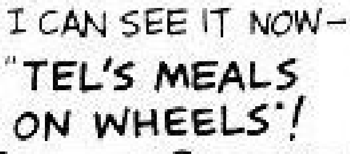

SHIT!...YEH, I'D NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT...


YEAH, ME GRAN CAN HARDLY GET OUT THESE DAYS...

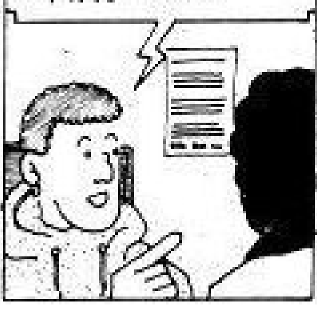



SHE **DEPENDS** ON HER HOME HELP AND HER MEALS ON WHEELS...

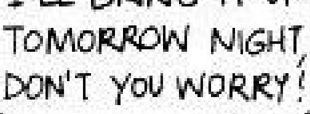

THERE YOU GO THEN, TEL — THERE'S A JOB FOR YOU...

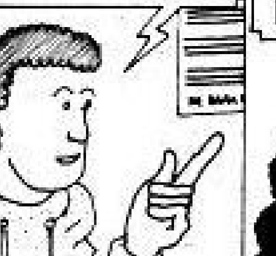

I CAN SEE IT NOW— "**TEL'S MEALS ON WHEELS**"!




HEY, THAT AIN'T A BAD IDEA CAROLE...


WELL, MAKE SURE THAT IT GETS TO BE MORE THAN AN IDEA..


I'LL BRING IT UP TOMORROW NIGHT DON'T YOU WORRY!




YOU'RE RIGHT-WE'VE GOT TO BACK UP OUR ACTIONS WITH REAL SUPPORT...
...IT'S NOT AS IF IT'S NEW— IT'S WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS DONE


The next night...
WHEN'S CAPTAIN COMING BACK?... IT'S GETTING ON A BIT...
OH HE WAS POPPING IN TO SEE CHARLIE'S WIFE.... HE MUST HAVE STAYED FOR COFFEE...
HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT THE FORD WORKERS ARE OUT...?


...THEY CAME OUT THIS AFTERNOON..
GREAT!


...YEH, THEY'RE DOING FLYING PICKETS TONIGHT AND TOMORROW!


HEY, THINGS ARE REALLY PICKING UP — I MIGHT EVEN GIVE THE MATCH ON SATURDAY A MISS!!


OH YEAH?! I'LL BELIEVE **THAT** WHEN I SEE IT!!


OH GOD!


OH SHIT... OH... MY GOD ... OH!!

OH GOD... OH MY HEAD ... GOD!

WHO DID IT, EH.. WHO FUCKING DID IT TO YOU?!

..I GOT JUMPED... DOWN THE ROAD. ... I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO KILL ME ... OH GOD...

SSSSHH, LOVE!! HERE, LET ME CLEAN YOU UP A BIT...

JIM, CAN YOU DRIVE OUR CAR?

SURE!

HE'S GOT TO GO TO HOSPITAL... ...THEY'VE CUT HIM PRETTY BAD..

BASTARDS!! THEY'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS!! DID YOU SEE 'EM MATE?...

NO.. THEY GOT ME FROM BEHIND... THEY JUST SAID.. ..OH GOD!

..."THIS IS A WARNING - NEXT TIME IT'S YOUR WIFE AND KID!"


OH GOD...I FEEL TERRIBLE...
DADDY! WHAT'S WRONG...?
COME ON SHARON, BACK TO BED...
DADDY!
IT'S ALRIGHT.. BACK TO BED...
OH SHIT.... IT HURTS SO MUCH.. I CAN'T HANDLE THIS...
COME ON LOVE... YOU'LL BE OK!
NO...NO!
IT'S TOO MUCH... I COULDN'T BEAR THEM DOING THIS TO YOU OR SHARON
DON'T WORRY.. NO-ONE'S GONNA TOUCH US...
OH GOD...NO MONEY, NO JOB AND NOW THIS — IT'S TOO MUCH!
LOOK, LOVE, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER..... ..TO THE END!!
..WE NEVER SEE EACH OTHER... ALL WE GET IS STRIKE, STRIKE BLOODY STRIKE!

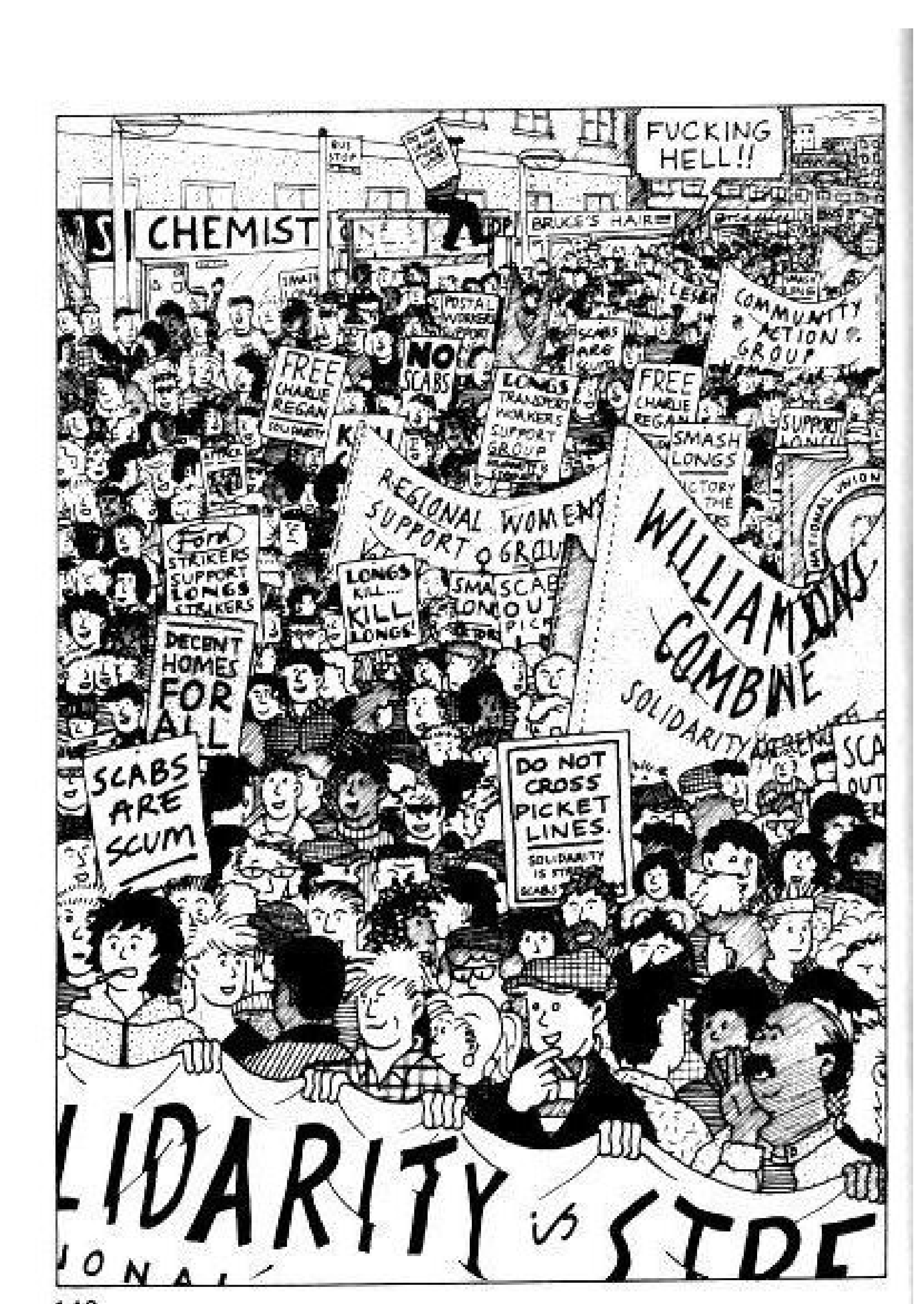

LISTEN LOVE – WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE… GOT NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE – WE'VE **GOT** TO SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END!


BUT.. THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO, SO MANY DEMANDS..
..DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT – WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS DOWN THE CENTRE…


YEH, LET'S GET YOU PATCHED UP AND THEN WE'LL HAVE A FEW DAYS AWAY..
WE'LL GO STAY WITH MY SISTER – SHE'D LOVE TO SEE US…


OH, THAT WOULD BE NICE… THAT WOULD BE **REALLY** NICE….
The day of the demonstration….
COME ON, IT'S GONE TWO O'CLOCK…


DON'T WORRY – IT WON'T START ON TIME…
..IT'S REALLY QUIET – I HOPE PEOPLE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT….



FUCKING HELL!!
CHEMIST
FREE CHARLIE REGAN SOLIDARITY
NO SCABS
LONGS TRANSPORT WORKERS SUPPORT GROUP
FREE CHARLIE REGAN
COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP
SMASH LONGS
REGIONAL WOMENS SUPPORT GROU
Ford STRIKERS SUPPORT LONGS STRIKERS
LONGS KILL... KILL LONGS!
DECENT HOMES FOR ALL
WILLIAMSONS COMBINE SOLIDARITY
SCABS ARE SCUM
DO NOT CROSS PICKET LINES.
LIDARITY is STRE


HIYA PHIL...
NICKY! ... PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, EH?


IT'S INCREDIBLE! THERE MUST BE 50,000 OF US...
AT LEAST!


I'LL CATCH YOU TWO LATER, OK?....


HEY DID YOU LISTEN TO THE RADIO ONE BREAKFAST SHOW THIS MORNING...?
NO.. WHY?


..SOMEONE JAMMED THE SIGNAL AND STARTED BROAD--CASTING...
YEAH!
.....IT WAS BRILLIANT!! ..THEY CALLED FOR EVERYONE TO GET DOWN HERE THIS AFTERNOON!


YEH, IT WAS GREAT STUFF .... REALLY INSPIRING!!

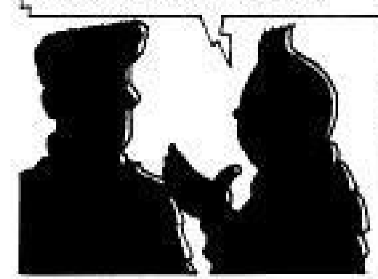



HIYA NICKY... PHIL... HAVE YOU SEEN TINTIN — I NEED TO ASK HIM IF .... OH!
TINTIN!! HANG ON MATE!


THERE YOU ARE...
WHAT HAVE I DONE WRONG NOW...?!


NOTHING, MATE!! I JUST WANTED TO ASK...
ARE SCUM


..IF YOU'VE HEARD FROM CAPTAIN AND MARY AT ALL....?
ARE SCUM


OH, YEH, THEY RANG LAST NIGHT - THEY WERE COMING HOME THIS MORNING...


HEY, DID YOU SEE LAST NIGHT'S PAPER?


WHAT, THOSE FUCKING HUGE RIOTS IN POLAND? GREAT STUFF!!


..AND STRIKES ALL OVER YUGOSLAVIA... PLUS GOD KNOWS WHAT ELSE THEY'RE NOT TELLING US...


I TELL YOU MATE ...SOMETHING'S REALLY HAPPENING!


WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT ALAN JONES EH, HUSSAIN?


OH, IT'S GREAT — THE UNION'S GIVEN HIM THE PUSH AT LAST...


EH?! THEY'RE A BIT BLOODY LATE — WE GAVE HIM THE PUSH 3 MONTHS AGO!!


WHAT ARE THEY GONNA DO...? REPLACE HIM WITH ANOTHER USELESS WINDBAG?!


NAH! I HEARD THAT THIS NEW BLOKE.... DAVE MILLS .... IS ALRIGHT....


DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT, HUSSAIN!!.... THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO BUY US OFF!!


...BUT IT WAS MILLS WHO PUSHED THE TUC INTO CALLING A ONE-DAY STRIKE NEXT WEEK...


OH, SO THAT MAKES HIM A GOOD BLOKE EH...?!?


WELL, OF COURSE A ONE-DAY STRIKE WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING, BUT...


IT'S TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE... FOR CHRISTS SAKE, HALF THE COUNTRY'S ON STRIKE ALREADY!


HMM..YEH, I SUPPOSE IT IS THE FIRST THING THE TUC HAS TRIED TO DO SINCE THE STRIKE STARTED..


ACH!! THEY NEVER DO ANYTHING.... EXCEPT SIT ON THEIR OVERPAID ARSES!!


LEFT AND RIGHT, ... MILLS AND JONES, THEY'RE ALL A BUNCH OF WANKERS!




PHEW! WE MUST BE ALMOST THERE - WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOR OVER AN HOUR...


DON'T WORRY, DAD - DERBY ROAD'S JUST BEHIND THIS ESTATE...

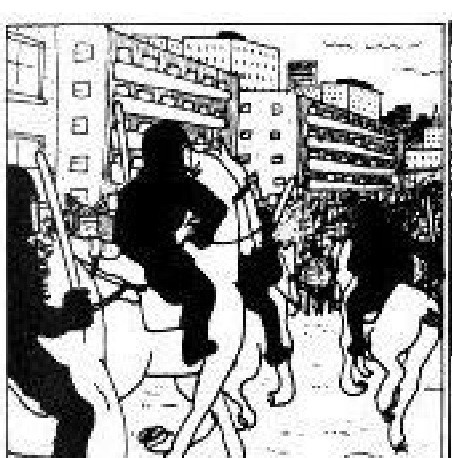

BLOODY HELL! THE OLD BILL... THERE'S THOUSANDS OF'EM!


SOMETHING TELLS ME THEY AIN'T GONNA LET US GET NEAR THE SITE TODAY....


I THINK YOU MIGHT JUST BE RIGHT, LOVE....


LOOK! UP THERE!


THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING - DISPERSE NOW!


LONGS
TRANSPORT
WORKERS
SUPPORT
GROUP













YOU'RE FUCKING NICKED, LOVE...!


BASTARD! YOU BROKE MY PLACARD...!!


CHRIST! WE CAN'T STAY HERE, KEV.. WE'RE GETTING SLAUGHTERED!

COME ON.... LET'S SPLIT!



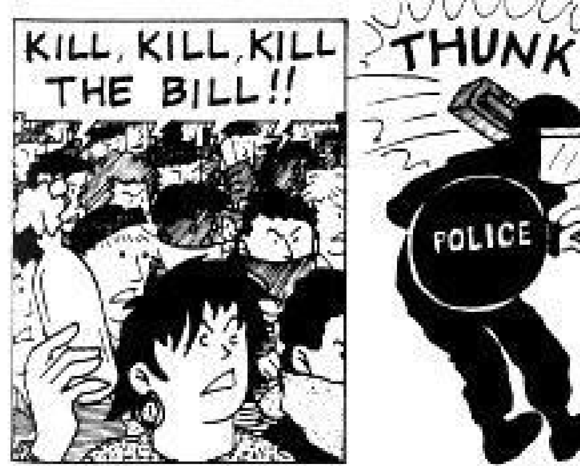

HEY! A MOVING TARGET!!



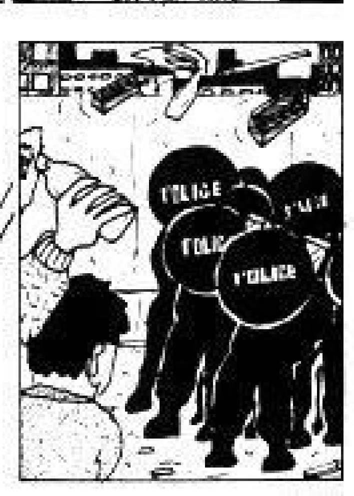

OI!! YOU LOT!!!


THIS WAY TAKES US RIGHT DOWN BEHIND THE PIGS!

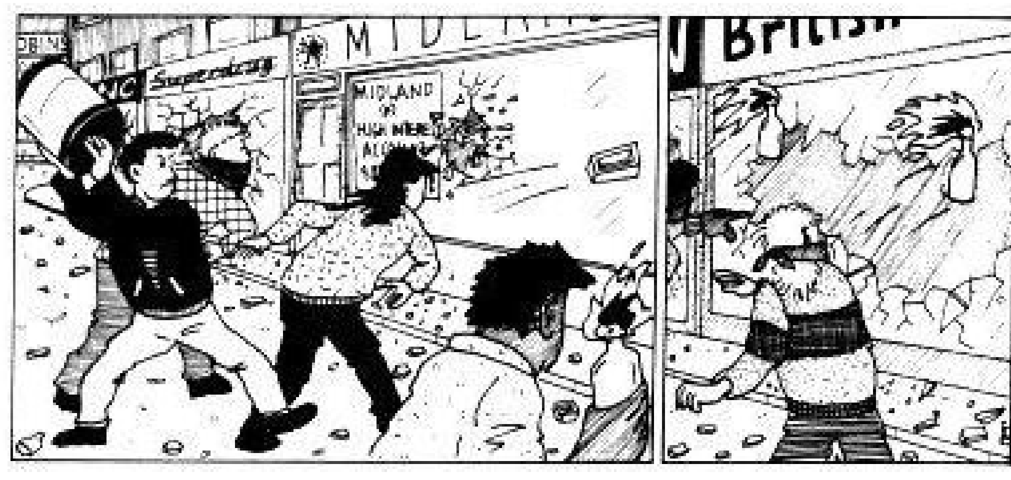

COME ON! WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?!!


KILL, KILL, KILL THE BILL!!


THUNK
POLICE







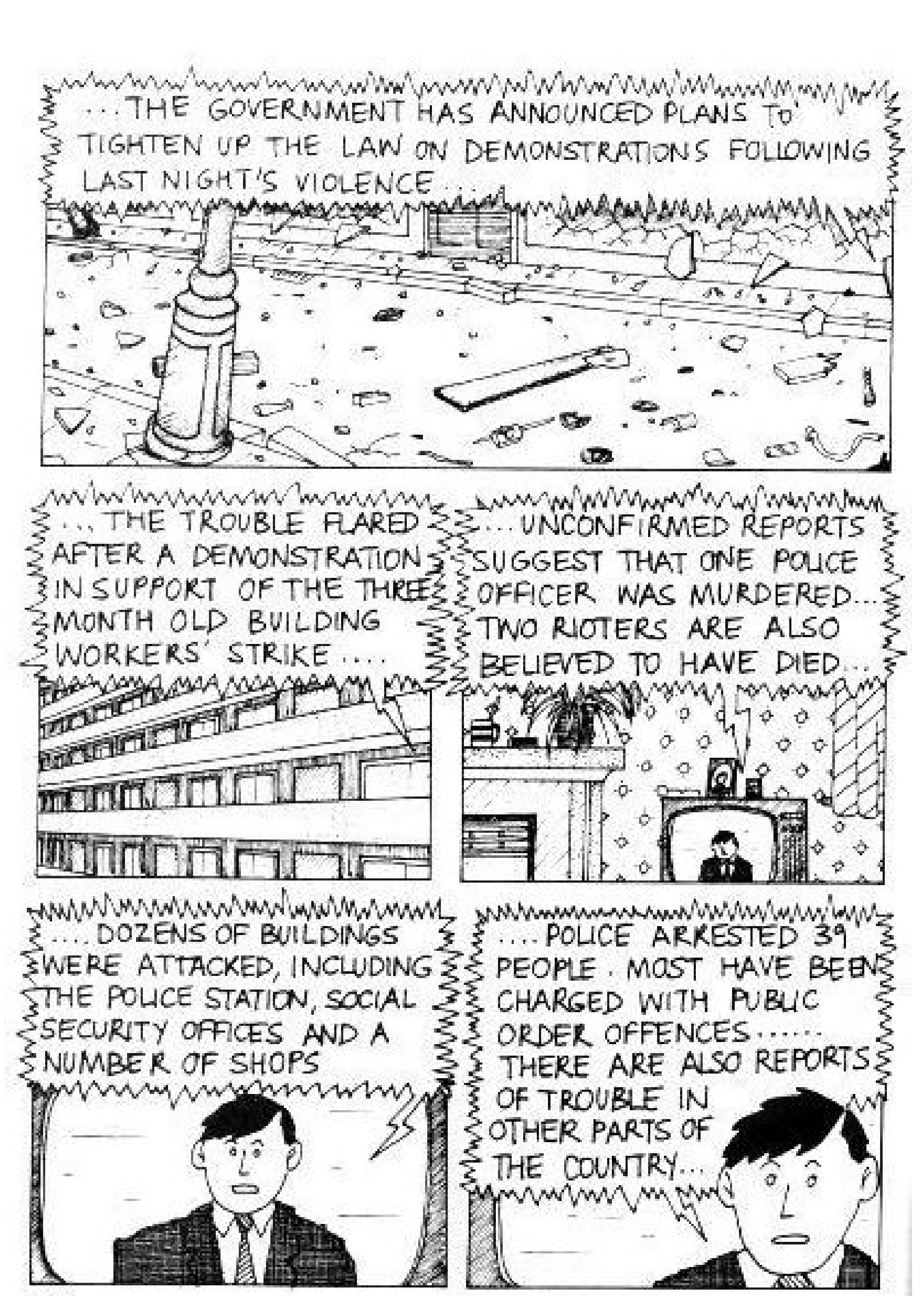
HEY LOOK! MORE AMMO....

AJ MOTORS

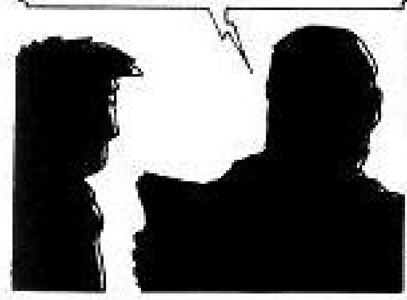
THIS IS FUCKING BRILLIANT!!

..ANYONE FANCY A BEER??!


CHRIST! IT'S TESCOS ....WE'RE MILES FROM DERBY ROAD...
TESCO
HEY, DON'T BE SO BLOODY STUPID!
....THERE'S PEOPLE LIVING UP THERE!!
DO IT LIKE THIS!
OH MY GOD! WE'RE DOING IT.... WE'RE FUCKIN' DOING IT.....!!
JOB CEN
'ERE, DO YOU LIKE THE WATCH...?
SHIT! IS IT THAT LATE?!
TIME TO SPLIT FOR GOOD ... NO POINT IN PUSHING OUR LUCK...


...THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO TIGHTEN UP THE LAW ON DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING LAST NIGHT'S VIOLENCE...
...THE TROUBLE FLARED AFTER A DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF THE THREE MONTH OLD BUILDING WORKERS' STRIKE....
...UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SUGGEST THAT ONE POLICE OFFICER WAS MURDERED... TWO RIOTERS ARE ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED...
....DOZENS OF BUILDINGS WERE ATTACKED, INCLUDING THE POLICE STATION, SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES AND A NUMBER OF SHOPS
....POLICE ARRESTED 39 PEOPLE. MOST HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES...... THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF TROUBLE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY...









...whose aim is the creation of a Soviet style dictatorship here in Britain. This Government has failed the British people....



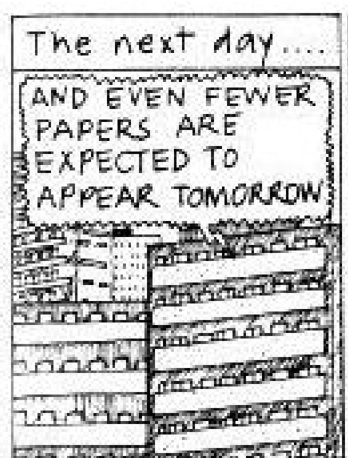
STUFF IT — I AIN'T PRINTING THAT CRAP!!
YEAH!
NOR ME!
OR ME!
LET'S WALK OUT!
HEY, WHAT THE **HELL'S** GOING ON HERE?!? YOU CAN'T......

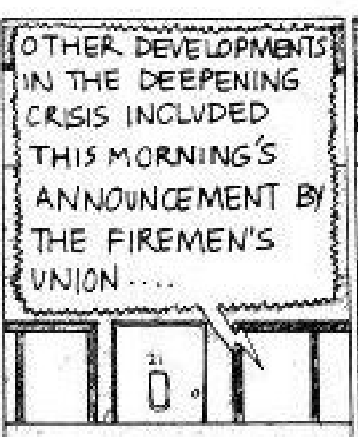
STICK IT UP YER ARSE, WALSH... WE'RE ON STRIKE!
YOU'VE ALREADY HAD TWO WRITTEN WARNINGS, LLOYD...
SO WHAT?!
DOES YOUR UNION KNOW ABOUT THIS?
WHAT BLOODY UNION?!!

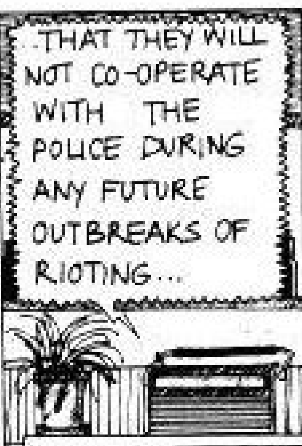







The next day....
AND EVEN FEWER PAPERS ARE EXPECTED TO APPEAR TOMORROW


OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DEEPENING CRISIS INCLUDED THIS MORNING'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FIREMEN'S UNION....


..THAT THEY WILL NOT CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE DURING ANY FUTURE OUTBREAKS OF RIOTING...


THEIR SPOKESMAN, ALAN THORNTON, SAID HE HOPED THE MOVE WOULD PUT FURTHER PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT....


...AND WOULD ENCOURAGE LONGS TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE
CRASH!


MARY! MARY!!


WHAT? WHAT'S UP?!


IT'S CAPTAIN! THEY'VE GOT HIM...
WHAT?!


THEY NICKED HIM THIS AFTERNOON... ..."CONSPIRACY" OR SOMETHING....

OH MY GOD!!

WE'VE.. WE'VE GOT HIM A LAWYER.. ...A **GOOD** ONE...

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING....

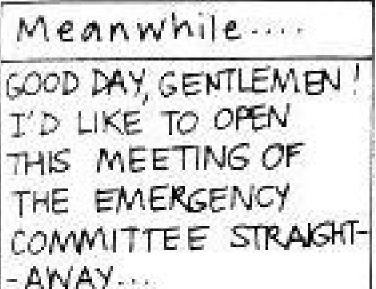
...I'M... I'M **REALLY** SORRY, MARY....

TRY NOT TO WORRY... HE'S UP IN COURT TOMORROW...

I DON'T THINK THEY'VE GOT ANY EVIDENCE ... HE SHOULD GET BAIL...

BASTARDS!!

DON'T WORRY... WE'LL BE OK — YOU'LL SEE....


Meanwhile....
GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN! I'D LIKE TO OPEN THIS MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE STRAIGHT-AWAY...




...SIR ROBERT, PLEASE GIVE US THE LATEST SITUATION....


...YES, MINISTER. WELL I'M AFRAID IT DOES LOOK GRIM...


THERE ARE NOW OVER 750,000 WORKERS ON STRIKE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY...


..AND THERE ARE CONTINUING DISTURBANCES IN MANY AREAS WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE CONNECTED WITH THE STRIKES

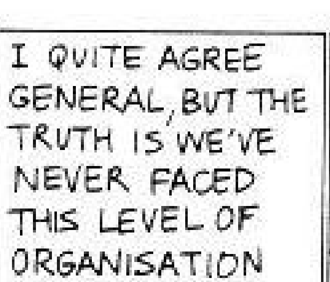

...TO BE BLUNT, SEVERAL LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE ON THE POINT OF COLLAPSE....

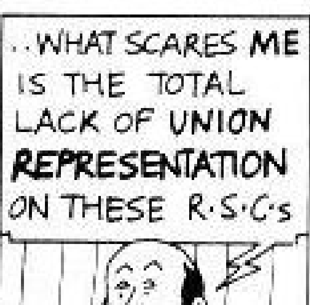

..THE POLICE ARE CHRONICALLY OVER-STRETCHED..

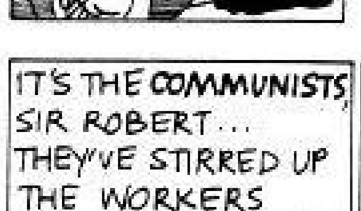

...AND IN SOME KEY AREAS, LAW AND ORDER HAS BROKEN DOWN... IRRETRIEVABLY...


GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE A MAJOR CRISIS ON OUR HANDS..


WHAT PARTICULARLY WORRIES ME ARE THESE SO-CALLED REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATIONS...
HMPH! DAMN SUBVERSIVES!


I QUITE AGREE GENERAL, BUT THE TRUTH IS WE'VE NEVER FACED THIS LEVEL OF ORGANISATION BEFORE...

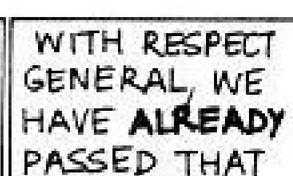

..WHAT SCARES ME IS THE TOTAL LACK OF UNION REPRESENTATION ON THESE R·S·C·s



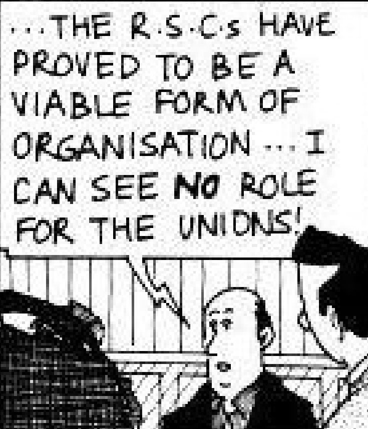
IT'S THE COMMUNISTS, SIR ROBERT... THEY'VE STIRRED UP THE WORKERS AGAINST THE UNIONS..


...THE R·S·C·s WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US AT TRANSPORT HOUSE...
I THINK IT'S ABOUT BLOODY TIME YOU STOPPED SNIVELLING AND DID SOMETHING TO GET YOUR MEN BACK UNDER CONTROL!!


...OR ELSE WE'LL HAVE TO START CONSIDERING MORE SEVERE MEASURES....



WITH RESPECT GENERAL, WE HAVE ALREADY PASSED THAT STAGE...


...THE R·S·C·s HAVE PROVED TO BE A VIABLE FORM OF ORGANISATION...I CAN SEE NO ROLE FOR THE UNIONS!

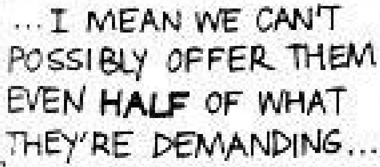

ERR.. THAT'S A BIT **HARSH**, SIR ROBERT...


..YOU'VE MISSED THE POINT — **THE SHEEP HAVE DESERTED THEIR SHEPHERD!!**
BUT.. BUT... WE'RE STILL A CHANNEL FOR NEGOTIATION...
NEGOTIATION?


DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! THERE ARE **BARRICADES** IN THE STREET .... AND YOU'RE TALKING OF **NEGOTIATION?!!**


AND **SIR DAVID?** YOUR THOUGHTS?


WELL I AGREE THAT THE TIME FOR TALK HAS PASSED....


...I MEAN WE CAN'T POSSIBLY OFFER THEM EVEN **HALF** OF WHAT THEY'RE DEMANDING...




... AND THEY'RE MAKING NEW DEMANDS ALL THE TIME!.... HOW ABOUT DIVIDING THEM...?


WE'VE TRIED THAT ... AND **FAILED**, MINISTER!


YOU SEE, THESE R.S.C.s ARE UNITING ALL THE STRIKERS IN A WAY WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE...


..YES, IT'S TIME WE TRIED A DIFFERENT APPROACH....


ER, YES, SIR DAVID.. WE HAVE MADE PLANS FOR THIS EVENTUALITY.... GENERAL?


MY BOYS CAN DELIVER... BUT EVEN WE ARE UNDER PRESSURE..

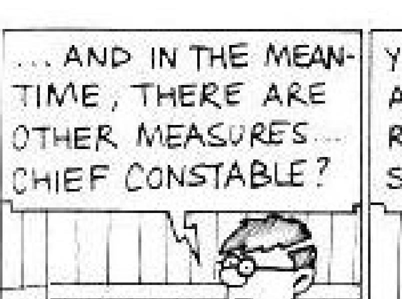

NATO IS FULLY TIED UP WITH THE UNREST IN ITALY AND FRANCE....


....AND IF SOUTH KOREA SPREADS... ....WELL, WE WOULD BE SEVERELY STRETCHED!


AND.. AHEM!.. TO BE FRANK, THERE IS A GROWING QUESTION MARK OVER THE LOYALTY OF SOME OF THE TROOPS....


WILL THEY SHOOT THEIR OWN FAMILIES.....?
PRECISELY!

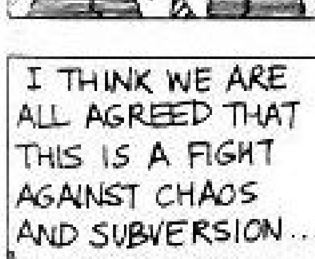

NATURALLY THE CRACK REGIMENTS REMAIN ENTIRELY RELIABLE...
WHO DARES WINS



... AND IN THE MEAN-TIME, THERE ARE OTHER MEASURES... CHIEF CONSTABLE?
YES, WE COMMENCE ARRESTING KNOWN RINGLEADERS AND SUSPECTS TONIGHT


...AND THERE IS A SIMULTANEOUS BAN ON ALL DEMONSTRATIONS AND MARCHES!
WE MEET WITH THE OPPOSITION WITH A VIEW TO FORMING A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT...
..AND AS FROM MIDNIGHT, THE TELEVISION, RADIO AND PRESS WILL BE UNDER OUR OFFICIAL CONTROL


THE BATTLE IS ON!!



I THINK WE ARE ALL AGREED THAT THIS IS A FIGHT AGAINST CHAOS AND SUBVERSION...


..AND THAT OUR PRIORITY MUST BE TO RESTORE ORDER
ABSOLUTELY!


IN THAT CASE, WE HAVE NOTHING MORE TO DISCUSS ... I CLOSE THIS MEETING!


A few days later...
I CAN'T WAIT FOR WEDNESDAY....
I THINK IT'S GONNA BE MASSIVE.... EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT IT....
WED 24
VICTORY TO ALL STRIKES
DEMONST
ALL THAT THIS BLOODY BAN HAS DONE IS MAKE IT BIGGER...!
IT'S AMAZING! I CAN'T REMEMBER EVER FEELING LIKE THIS BEFORE...
THE RAIL AND BUS STRIKES ARE DEFINITELY ON ACCORDING TO LAST NIGHT'S R.S.C.
...AND THERE'S GONNA BE DEMOS IN BIRMINGHAM, MANCHESTER, GLASGOW, BELFAST..
FREE
HOW'S THE PAPER COMING ALONG? DID THEY SAY?
...YEH, IT'S LOOKING GOOD... THEY'RE TALKING OF DOING 250,000 COPIES...
WHAT? EVERY DAY?!
YEAH! WE CAN DO IT... NO SWEAT!


BLOODY HELL!
...YOU KNOW, THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS...
IT'S GONE WAY BEYOND DEMOS AND PICKETS...
..I MEAN, HOW ARE WE GONNA RUN THIS COUNTRY? WHAT ABOUT FOOD, GAS, ELECTRICITY...?
....WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS WORKING CLASS POWER...
HOLD UP JIM... DON'T START GETTING TOO SERIOUS!
NO, I MEAN IT... A SOCIETY WHERE WE ALL GET WHAT WE NEED...
LIKE HOUSING, FOOD, HEATING....
FREE BEER?
I'M SERIOUS, MATE – WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF ALL THE CRAP WHILE WE'VE GOT A CHANCE!
JIM'S RIGHT – WE'VE GONE TOO FAR TO GO BACK NOW...

...NONE OF THIS'LL BE SETTLED WITHOUT **A REVOLUTION**...

HEY, DON'T GET ME WRONG, YOU TWO — I THINK IT'S A **SOUND** IDEA!

...I JUST DON'T WANT US TO GET SADDLED WITH ANOTHER BUNCH OF **LYING POLITICIANS**

....OR END UP LIKE **RUSSIA** OR **CUBA**....

TOO RIGHT!

GOD! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

...A FEW MONTHS AGO I WAS QUIETLY WORKING, WAITING FOR ME WAGE-PACKET...

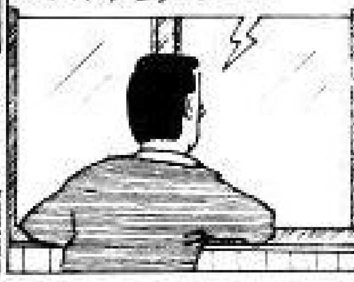
AND NOW HERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT **RUNNING** THIS COUNTRY!!

WELL, ONE THING'S FOR SURE, MATE...

WE'LL MAKE A BETTER JOB OF IT THAN THOSE **BASTARDS** EVER DID!!



IT'S OK – WE CAN GET ANOTHER ONE .... BUT IT'S GETTING HEAVIER EVERY DAY!





YEH, WE SHOULD START ORGANISING PATROLS...



HE'S RIGHT, NICKY.. ..IT'S WAR NOW...





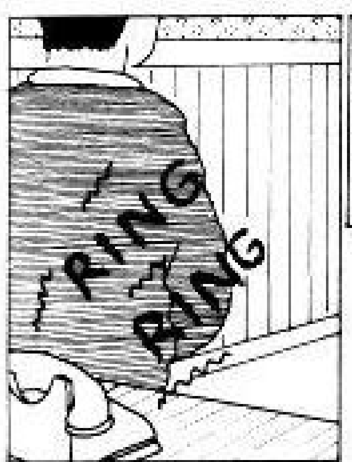


... BUT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE **KILLED** YOU KNOW....
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED ALREADY, LOVE ... AND WHERE'S **CAPTAIN** NOW ...??
OH GOD!!...
DON'T WORRY, MARY...
I **DO** WORRY... I'M FRIGHTENED
... I WANT HIM BACK SO MUCH... DID YOU SEE THE STATE HIS FACE WAS IN, IN COURT..?
... I KNOW.... "RESISTING ARREST"?! **HA! BASTARDS!!**
WE'VE GOT TO GO **ALL OUT** NOW... IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
IT'S JUST THAT I FEEL SO **LONELY** ... AND SHARON KEEPS ASKING WHERE HE IS....
WHAT DO I TELL HER? .... THAT HER DAD'S BEEN ARRESTED AND BEATEN UP...? ...FOR **WHAT?!**


FOR WANTING A LITTLE BIT MORE MONEY? A BIT MORE COMFORT?


COME ON, MARY... WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.... YOU'RE NOT ALONE..


IT MAKES ME SICK ...I FEEL SO ANGRY...


RING
RING


HELLO? ...SPEAKING.. ...OH SHIT... YEH.. ...WHO?..YEH... TAKE CARE... YEH I WILL.. BYE!


THAT WAS TARIQ ....THEY'VE JUST RAIDED THE STRIKE CENTRE!!


SHIT!! WHO DID THEY GET?


HARRY..ANNE..DAN ...AND A FEW OTHERS ...IT'S ALL REALLY CONFUSED...


THIS IS IT THEN! IT'S WAR! THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHO'S GONNA BE NEXT!


THEY'RE PROBABLY AFTER **YOU** AS WELL ... I WOULDN'T GO HOME IF I WERE YOU....


NO, I'LL STOP OVER AT A FRIEND'S... I'M GONNA HEAD DOWN THE CENTRE - YOU COMING, DES?


YEH .... ARE YOU TWO STAYING HERE?

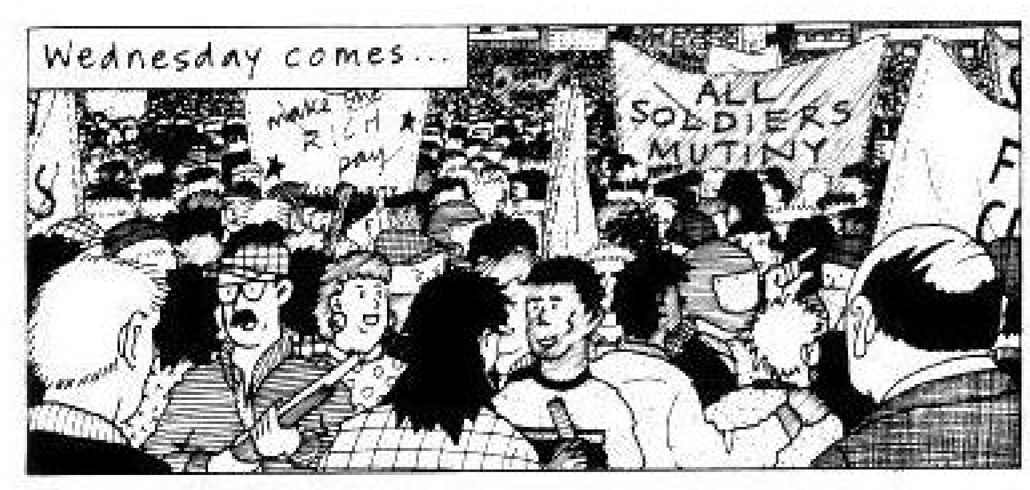

YEH - WE'VE STILL GOT SOME PRISONERS SUPPORT WORK TO DO.....
OK ... TAKE LOADS OF CARE ...


AND IF WE DON'T SEE YOU TONIGHT, WE'LL SEE YOU BOTH TOMORROW...




THE MEN LEAVE FOR BATTLE....
IT'S **OUR** BATTLE AS WELL...


YEAH ....I KNOW... IT JUST REALLY **FRIGHTENS** ME...


Wednesday comes...
make the RICH pay
ALL SOLDIERS MUTINY


THIS IS JUST INCREDIBLE!!


THERE MUST BE HALF A MILLION OF US!!


AND SO MANY KIDS!

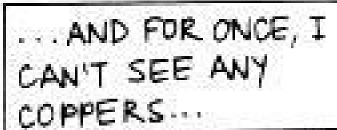

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? THE SCHOOL STRIKES HAVE BEEN THE MOST SOLID.... OF COURSE!!!


I'VE SEEN HALF OF MY CLASS HERE ALREADY MUM....

AND I'VE SEEN HALF OF MINE! HELLO YOU LOT... ALRIGHT?

HIYA JIM.. I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING ... IT'S **FANTASTIC!!**









NAH! I RECKON WE'VE GOT'EM THIS TIME, JIM...



SCOTLAND'S GONE ALREADY! THE R.S.C.s HAVE TAKEN OVER THE POWER STATIONS UP THERE...



AND WHEN THE **TROOPS** WENT IN, HALF OF 'EM CAME OVER TO **OUR** SIDE...



IT'S **NOW** OR **NEVER** MATE ... THERE'S NO GOING BACK!!



WHAT IS THERE TO GO BACK TO?!



THIS IS IT NOW.. IT'S **WAR**, INNIT... ...**CLASS WAR!!**




DID YOU HEAR THAT THE QUEEN'S GONE AND DONE A BUNK TO CANADA...?


GOOD BLOODY RIDDANCE ...LET'S HOPE THE REST OF'EM TAKE THE HINT!
...I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE **THIS** IN MY LIFETIME


YEH....YOU KNOW, TED, I HOPE THIS **NEVER EVER ENDS!**


I JUST WISH THAT CHARLIE AND ALL THE OTHERS INSIDE COULD BE HERE...


DON'T WORRY, JANET CHARLIE WILL BE OUT SOON...I'M SURE....


I'VE GOT A FEELING THERE WON'T BE ANY **PRISONS** LEFT BY THE END OF THE WEEK




LOOK SHARP, TINTIN — LOOKS LIKE WE'RE MOVING OFF!


HERE WE GO THEN! ...**THIS IS IT!!**







WE'VE HAD A GLIMPSE OF SOMETHING BETTER ... **AND WE WANT MORE!**

SOLIDARITY is STRENGTH

REGIONAL · STRIKE · CO-ORDINATION



only the beginning…

Further Infos and readings:

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